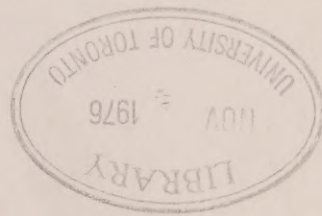


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6.1

DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY

6.1.1

Role of Hydro in the Distribution of Electricity

Ontario Hydro was established in 1906 by the Power Commission Act and it operated under that act until 1973. The enactment of the Power Corporation Act recognized the new organization of Ontario Hydro as a corporation as recommended by Task Force Hydro and implemented by the Ontario Government. The second major piece of legislation affecting the distribution of electrical energy in Ontario is the Public Utilities Act. The generation and distribution of electrical energy in Ontario is achieved through a co-operative partnership between Ontario Hydro, the municipalities and the Government of Ontario.

The prime purpose foreseen for Ontario Hydro was to ensure that Ontario was supplied with electrical energy and that this supply was provided under conditions that would best serve the interest of the total community. This was accomplished by the municipal electric utilities in the urban areas and by Ontario Hydro in the rural area.

Hydro's first contracts with the original 14 municipalities were written in 1908. The terms required the Commission to supply the municipalities with the electricity they needed and to build the transmission lines and transformer stations needed to bring the power from Niagara Falls. The municipalities, for their part, agreed to buy the electricity in specified amounts and to buy from the Commission only. The original contracts with the municipalities provided for the delivery of 25,035 horsepower or approximately 18,675 kilowatts. From this beginning, has grown a system capable of generating and distributing 18,700,000 kW of power to serve 2,653,000 customers in the Province.

Hydro's traditional mandate has been to supply power at cost consistent with high standards of reliability, safety and financial soundness. In fulfilling its mandate, Ontario Hydro encouraged consumption in order to attain significant economies of scale which translated into lower unit costs. A part of this program was the promotion of effective and efficient use of electricity through such means

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1 as improved power factor, load management and high  
2 insulation standards, primarily because electricity  
3 was still, relative to other fuels, a high cost and  
4 premium energy source. This policy was appropriate  
5 in the past and served Ontario well.

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7 Although the policies encouraging consumption were  
8 appropriate in the past, today they are not. The  
9 developing awareness of the limits of our finite  
10 resources has focused attention on the need to  
11 reduce the growth rate of energy use. Also, the  
12 increased cost of providing new capacity, along with  
13 the attendant effects on the environment and  
14 society, makes it essential to pursue an energy  
15 conservation program.

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17 Currently Ontario Hydro's generating capacity is  
18 18,700 MW. Until the 1950's almost all generation  
19 was hydraulic. Thermal generation on a major scale  
20 was introduced to the system in 1951 and by 1975,  
21 58% of capacity and 47% of energy output was  
22 thermal. Nuclear generating capacity is currently  
23 2300 MW, expected to grow to the order of 12,000 MW  
24 within 10 years. In addition, the Ontario Hydro  
25 grid system is interconnected with neighbouring  
26 utilities in Quebec, Manitoba, New York and Michigan  
27 for mutual operating benefits.

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29 The grid system of Ontario Hydro is comprised of 500  
30 kV, 230 kV and 115 kV lines which tie the generation  
31 facilities to major transformer and switching  
32 stations for the transfer of bulk power throughout  
33 the Province. Subtransmission lines at 44 kV, 27.6  
34 kV and 13.8 kV take power from these bulk stations  
35 and deliver it to municipal utilities, distribution  
36 stations in the power district and directly to some  
37 large industrial customers. The lines emanating  
38 from distribution stations are for local delivery at  
39 such voltages as 12 kV, 8 kV and 4 kV for  
40 transformation to the utilization voltage provided  
41 to households, commercial premises and industry.  
42 Some large customers and municipalities take  
43 delivery of power at 230 kV and 115 kV, but most take  
44 delivery at one of the lower distribution voltages.  
45 A number of local distribution systems operate at  
46 27.6 kV and 13.8 kV within their jurisdictions, and  
47 a general trend has developed towards supply at  
48 these voltages.  
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For economic reasons, in 1948 a frequency standardization program was undertaken to convert the 25 hz system to 60 hz. Today there are approximately 400 MW of 25 hz generating capacity remaining, mainly in the Niagara Peninsula and northeastern Ontario. Some industrial and mining customers continue to purchase 25 hz power because of mutual economic advantages to them and Hydro.

#### 6.1.2

#### Distribution to Municipal Electric Utilities

There are 353 cost contract municipal utilities operating in the province ranging in size from the Police Village of Priceville Hydro System, with its 87 customers using 521,500 kilowatt-hours in a year, to Toronto Hydro with approximately 211,000 customers using over 6,550 million kilowatt-hours.

Table 6.1-1 gives some indication of the general size of the municipal utilities in Ontario.

Table 6.1-1

#### Size of Municipal Utilities in Ontario

<u>Customers</u>	<u>Number of Utilities</u>
less than 1000	197
1000 to 5000	107
5000 to 10,000	15
10,000 to 100,000	30
over 100,000	4

The large and medium size utilities have staff and equipment capable of administering, operating and maintaining the local distribution system. They have a reasonable financial base from which to carry on effective operations. The small utilities have very limited resources, and, in most cases, they rely on Ontario Hydro, other utilities and private contractors to look after such things as meter reading, billing, line maintenance and construction.

Table 6.1-2 further illustrates the range in size of Ontario Municipal Electric Utilities.

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Table 6.1-2

Customers, Assets, Expenses and Monthly  
Peak Loads of Typical Utilities

<u>Utility</u>	<u>No. of Customers</u>	<u>Net Fixed Assets \$</u>	<u>Annual Expenses \$</u>	<u>Average Monthly Peak Load kW</u>
Priceville	87	15,000	9,000	106
Burlington	26,000	12,500,000	8,500,000	103,000
Toronto	211,376	100,000,000	85,000,000	1,006,000

When a municipal corporation enters into a contract with Ontario Hydro, it entrusts the management of the electric utility to a local commission or council. The conditions for establishment of the utility management are defined in the Public Utilities Act, sections 38 and 40. In the case of a Police Village, the utility undertaking is controlled and managed by the Board of Trustees which has powers and duties the same as a local electric commission. These conditions are set out in the Power Corporation Act, section 67.

The local commission is an agent of the municipality and must keep separate books and accounts for each public utility (e.g., water and electric) it manages for the municipality subject to inspection and audit by the municipal corporation. The authority for borrowing money for the electric utility is vested in local council, but is subject to assent of Ontario Hydro. Such assent is given to the local council, not to the local commission. Remuneration of Commissioners is fixed by council under provisions of the Municipal Act, section 391, subject to approval of Ontario Hydro.

As statutory agent of a municipal corporation which has entered into a cost contract with Ontario Hydro, a local commission has a special relationship to Ontario Hydro. The commission purchases its bulk power requirements at wholesale rates from Ontario Hydro. All retail rates, rents and charges applied

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by the local commission for supplying power, or to recover the local costs of providing service, are subject to approval by Ontario Hydro. Capital expenditures, investment of funds, sales, purchases and long term rental of property by the local commission are also subject to approval.

Some local commissions still have hydraulic generating plants in operation and the output of these plants is integrated with power purchased from Ontario Hydro. The output of the municipally-owned plants is shown in Table 6.1-3.

Table 6.1-3

Electric Generation Owned/Operated by  
Local Commissions

<u>Region</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>1974 Average Generation (kW)</u>
Eastern	Almonte	668
	Bancroft	213
	Campbellford	1,971
	Eganville	263
	Ottawa	7,867
	Renfrew	1,417
Georgian Bay	Bracebridge	1,688
	Orillia	12,977
	Parry Sound	1,052

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6.1.3 Distribution to the Power District

Ontario Hydro serves 353 cost contract municipalities and the Power District. The Power District is defined as those customers not served by a local commission. For costing purposes, the Power District is treated as the 354th cost municipality and is made up of the Direct Industrial group of customers and the Rural Retail customers.

6.1.3.1 Direct Industrial Customers

The Direct Industrial customers in the Power District are those having loads in excess of 5000 kW and range upwards in size to 200,000 kW. The average monthly peak load of these Direct Industrial customers in 1975 was 1,924,412 kW. At this time, there are 102 such customers supplied directly by Ontario Hydro. The types of activities, in which these customers are engaged, are summarized in Table 6.1-4.

Table 6.1-4

Summary of Direct Industrial Customers by Type and Load

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>CUSTOMERS</u>	<u>AVERAGE MONTHLY LOAD (kW)</u>
Pulp and Paper	20	*357,642
Cement Making	5	52,488
Steel Making	9	150,780
Abrasives	4	74,536
Petrochemical	12	286,767
Other Manufacturing	12	92,761
Mining	26	539,924
Miscellaneous	14	369,514
	<u>102</u>	<u>1,924,412</u>

\* Affected by strikes in 1975, the 1974 figure was 499,454 kW.

An indication of the size, distribution throughout the Province, supply voltage, amounts and classes of power taken, is given in Table 6.1-5.



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TABLE 6.1-5

Summary of Direct Industrial Customers by Region,  
Type of Power Taken and Supply Voltage

Region	Number of Direct Customers	Classes of Power Taken kW			Number of Direct Customers Supplied at			
		Total	Firm	Interruptable	230 kV	115 kV	12-60 kV	Under 12 kV
Northwestern	19	358,737	358,737	-	0	17	2	-
Northeastern	25	619,203	553,566	65,637	2	16	7	-
Niagara	15	296,565	147,796	148,769	-	6	9	
Eastern	23	267,403	185,495	81,908	2	4	15	2
Central	3	64,363	13,015	51,348	1	-	2	-
Georgian Bay	5	22,735	19,875	2,860	1	-	3	1
Western	12	295,406	178,541	116,865	2	4	6	-
TOTAL	102	1,924,412	1,457,025	467,387	8	47	44	3



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6.1.3.2 Rural Retail Customers

The rural component of the Power District (Rural Retail System) comprises all of the territory of Ontario except the service areas of all municipal corporations and police villages that have contracted with Ontario Hydro for the supply of power at cost. Power is supplied on a retail basis by Ontario Hydro to a variety of customers in the Rural Retail System and the system is administered by 61 Area Offices throughout the province. The classes of rural retail customers are:

- Seasonal or Intermittent occupancy (cottages)
- Residential (the continuous all-year dwelling)
- General (commercial and industrial customers with loads under 5000 kW)
- Farms

Table 6.1-6 shows the classes of customers by general location in the Province and the miles of local area distribution lines used to supply them.

TABLE 6.1-6

Rural Retail Customers by Region and Class  
Showing Miles of Lines to Serve Them

Region	Number of Areas	Miles of Line	Number of Customers				
			Total	Seasonal	Residential	Farm	General
Northwestern	5	3,034	25,735	6,543	14,236	1,394	3,562
Northeastern	10	5,761	66,743	11,860	44,888	3,282	6,713
Niagara	9	6,384	92,497	6,583	55,939	22,006	7,969
Eastern	13	14,983	179,951	43,158	92,722	30,593	13,478
Central	4	2,951	76,137	4,493	58,365	6,592	6,687
Georgian Bay	13	12,790	174,672	77,612	62,614	23,069	11,377
Western	7	9,475	103,906	8,469	51,106	35,618	8,713
Local Systems	-	189	27,968	-	24,139	-	3,829
TOTALS	61	55,567	747,609	158,718	404,009	122,554	62,328
% of Total Customers			-	21	54	16	9

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Figure 6.1-1 shows the location and boundaries of Ontario Hydro's Regions and Areas. The customers in the rural retail system are generally in the more sparsely populated areas of the Province. Line construction in the power district is subject to "density requirements" which stipulate the minimum number of customers required to justify construction.



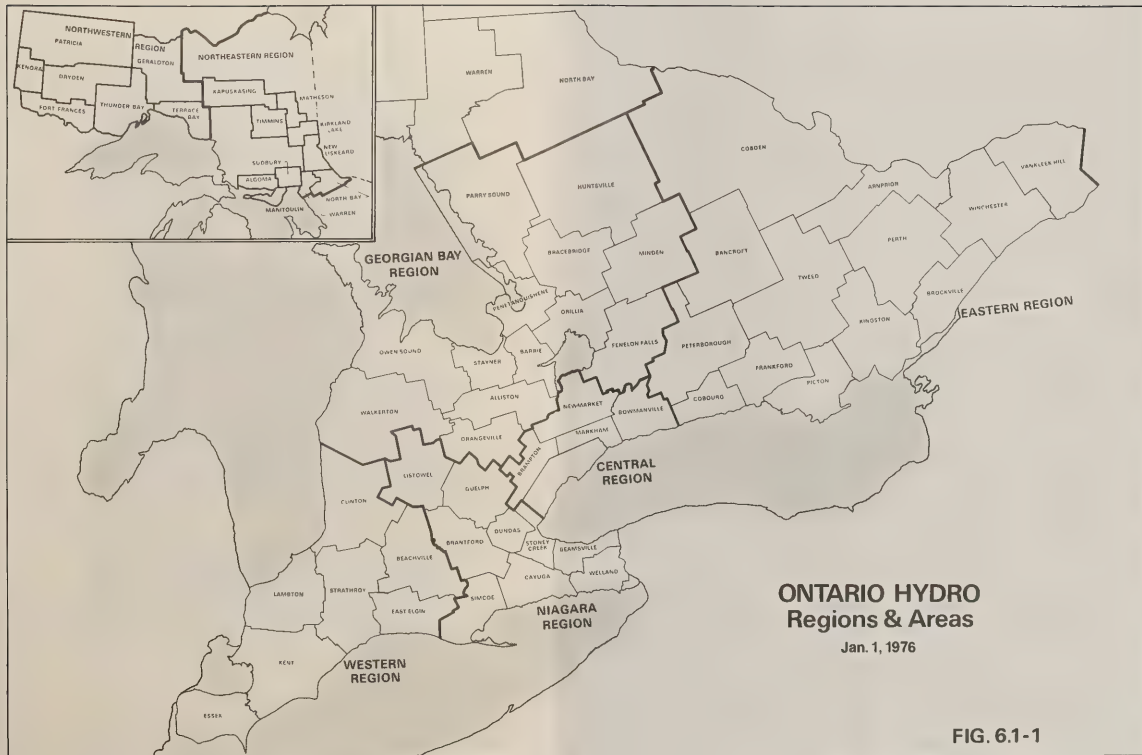


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6.1.3.3 Supply to Remote Communities

The wide variety of conditions encountered in providing service to communities remote from Ontario's bulk power system means that it is difficult to establish a fixed policy for providing this type of service. The line extension policy applicable in the more built-up areas of the Province is not appropriate for remote communities. Lines extended with minimum customer density are not initially self-sustaining even in the more built-up areas, but experience has shown that subsequent customer additions will correct this situation. However, in remote areas, this increase in customers is not anticipated, particularly because these communities are not served by normal transportation methods.

When service to a remote community is considered, a study is undertaken to determine the most economic alternative for providing the supply. At present the choice is between supply from a local diesel generating plant and a line connection to the provincial power system.

Where diesel supply is indicated, all capital requirements, both for the initial installation and for additions to the system, are supplied from sources external to Ontario Hydro. Hydro, in turn, assumes full responsibility for the maintenance, operation and renewal of the plant. Rates for service in diesel supplied communities are many times that in communities with line supply, and are set to recover all costs with the exception of a guaranteed annual subsidy from the Bulk Power System intended to offset any deficit on the diesel systems up to a maximum of \$220 per (diesel) residential customer per year.

Where line supply is indicated as being economical, it is accepted that the energy rates shall be the same as apply on the retail (rural) system. The general approach to financing the line supply is that Ontario Hydro prepare estimated operating costs for the facilities necessary and then require sufficient capital from external sources in order to arrive at a break-even position on the operation.

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Some examples of the application of the above guidelines are as follows:

#### Savant Lake

This community was connected to a line supply in 1973 by the construction of a 1000 kVa, 115/25 kV substation and about 50 miles of 25 kV line. The supply was approved at an estimated cost of \$611,000 for initial service to a total of 89 customers. This cost was met by a contribution of \$106,200 from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, and total additional contribution of \$315,000 from three commercial customers and two government agencies taking power from the new supply. The remaining capital was provided by Ontario Hydro.

#### Moosonee

Studies undertaken jointly by Ontario Hydro and the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission indicated that connection of existing distribution systems at Moosonee and Moose Factory to the Bulk Power System by the construction of about 90 miles of 115 kV line would be more economic than continuation and expansion of existing diesel systems. The line supply was completed in late 1975, and customers will be supplied at standard Ontario Hydro retail (rural) rates commencing in 1976. All capital costs for establishing this supply, totalling some \$5.5 million, have been assumed by the Province, with assistance from the Federal Government pro rata to the share of the total load taken by its agencies at Moose Factory. This full capital assistance was necessary to offset the abnormal costs of maintaining service to this area.

#### Electrification Of Remote Indian Communities

A program for electrification of remote Indian communities in Northern Ontario is presently underway through the co-operation of the Federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) and Ontario Hydro. For the most part, supply is from diesel plants in the individual communities. DIAND identifies communities to be supplied and provides all funding necessary to establish the supply. The systems are owned and



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operated by Ontario Hydro, and service is supplied to individual customers at special rates.

Currently, Ontario Hydro is working with the Ontario Ministry of Energy and DIAND in assessing the feasibility of using supplementary wind generation.

6.1.4 Privately-Owned Industrial-Utility Systems

There are a number of privately-owned industrial-utility systems that have existed for many years as a result of early investment and private development of hydro-electric resources.

6.1.4.1 Gananoque Electric Light and Water Co. Ltd.

Gananoque Electric Light and Water Co. Ltd. serves approximately 2900 customers of which 2500 are in the Town of Gananoque and the remaining 400 in Pittsburg Township. The company has approximately 11 MVA of local generation comprising 5 small hydraulic plants on the Rideau and Gananoque Rivers and 4 thermal units capable of operating on either gas or oil. However, since the hydraulic plants are limited by government regulation of river water levels, there is an increasing reliance on the power supply from Ontario Hydro. For example, in December 1975 Ontario Hydro supplied 5.5 MW, and this is expected to increase to approximately 7.5 MW in 1976 or about 50% of the company's load.

6.1.4.2 Great Lakes Power Corporation

Great Lakes Power Corporation serves the district north from Sault Ste. Marie for about 100 miles and eastward from the Sault for about 20 miles to, but not including, Thessalon. Its hydraulic generating sources are the Michipicotin River (75 MW) and the Montreal River (120 MW) plus an additional 20 MW at the Sault. In addition to these generating sources, the average monthly load to be supplied by Ontario Hydro in 1976 is estimated at 105 MW. This corporation supplies Sault Ste. Marie P.U.C., 18 large industrial customers in the surrounding district and an assortment of residential, seasonal and general class loads between the Sault and Thessalon.

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1 6.1.4.3 Canadian Niagara Power

2 Canadian Niagara Power is a subsidiary of Niagara  
3 Mohawk Power Corporation of Syracuse, New York which  
4 distributes power in Fort Erie and supplies two  
5 industrial customers in Niagara Falls with 25 hz  
6 power (Nabisco and Canadian Carborundum).  
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8 6.1.4.4 Cornwall Street Railway, Light and Power Company  
9 and the St. Lawrence Power Company

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11 The Cornwall Street Railway, Light and Power Co.  
12 Ltd. has been owned by Sun Life Assurance Co. since  
13 1902. It supplies approximately 15,000 customers in  
14 the eastern two-thirds of the City of Cornwall and  
15 the southern parts of Cornwall and Charlottenburg  
16 Townships. Its current December peak is in the  
17 order of 50 MW. The company buys its wholesale  
18 power from the St. Lawrence Power Co. and has a 1-  
19 year franchise with the city renewable annually. It  
20 supplies two major power customers: Domtar Fine  
21 Papers (35 MW) and Canadian Industries Ltd. (25 MW).  
22

23 The St. Lawrence Power Company is owned by Niagara  
24 Mohawk Power Corporation and buys power from the  
25 Cedar Rapids Transmission Co. (owned by ALCOA) which  
26 in turn buys it from Hydro Quebec (55 MW at 100%  
27 load factor running to 1999). This company supplies  
28 the westerly 1/3 of the City of Cornwall at the same  
29 rates which apply in the remainder of the city.  
30

31 6.1.4.5 Abitibi Paper Co. Ltd.

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33 The Abitibi Paper Co. Ltd. provides service in the  
34 towns of Iroquois Falls and Smooth Rock Falls by  
35 means of a 125 kV cable connected to local  
36 generation at its mill. In both cases, the  
37 distribution voltage is 2.4 kV with Iroquois Falls  
38 being supplied from a 2 MVA transformer and Smooth  
39 Rock Falls from a 3 MVA transformer.  
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41 6.1.4.6 The Ontario-Minnesota Pulp and Paper Co. Ltd.

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43 Under a long term agreement, dating back to 1905,  
44 involving the Government of Ontario, the Town of  
45 Fort Frances and Ontario-Minnesota Pulp and Paper  
46 Co. Ltd., power is supplied to the Town of Fort  
47 Frances by the company.  
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The town's December 1975 peak load was in the order of 16 MW and is growing at the rate of about 6% annually. Since the source of supply to this load is Ontario-Minnesota's Generating Station No. 1 which has a capability of approximately 8 MW, there is a growing dependency on Ontario Hydro to supply the additional power required by the Town.

The town comprises 3000 customers of which 2700 are residential and the balance commercial.

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The Huronian Co. Ltd. and International  
Nickel Co. of Canada Ltd. (Inco)

The Huronian Co. Ltd. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Inco and is engaged in the business of generating and distributing power in the Districts of Sudbury and Algoma. The Huronian Co. has peak generating capacity of 37 MW at 60 hz and 30 MW at 25 hz. The 25 hz power is generated at two hydraulic plants on the Spanish River. Approximately 19 MW of 60 hz power is generated at three hydraulic plants on the Spanish and Vermilion Rivers with the balance of 18 MW generated by two 9 MW back pressure steam turbines utilizing steam from waste heat recovery. The balance of the Company's requirements in the order of 150 MW is purchased from Ontario Hydro.

The Huronian Co. Ltd. supplies power to Inco and distributes power within a 20 mile radius of Sudbury to such communities as Creighton (225 customers) Levack (700 customers) Lively (800 customers) and Copper Cliff (1300 customers).

6.1.5

Regulatory Responsibilities of Ontario Hydro

6.1.5.1

Safety

Every installation of electrical wiring and/or equipment requires inspection and approval by an electrical inspector under the authority of the Electrical Safety Code (Ontario Regulation #168/73). The requirement applies to all new construction, as well as any additions or alterations to existing wiring systems.

The development of the Electrical Safety Code, through a Provincial Code Committee, and the responsibility for ensuring that installations

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1 comply with the Code, are vested in Ontario Hydro  
2 through the provisions of The Power Corporation Act,  
3 section 94.  
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5 To meet the responsibility for electrical safety,  
6 Ontario Hydro has established the Electrical  
7 Inspection Department having a complement of 205  
8 inspectors who perform the necessary inspections  
9 throughout the Province. In addition to the  
10 inspection function related to wiring and equipment  
11 installations, the department also monitors  
12 equipment being offered for sale to the public to  
13 ensure that it meets minimum safety standards  
14 developed by the Canadian Standards Association  
15 subcommittee for the relevant equipment. The  
16 Department also investigates fires and accidents  
17 involving electrical equipment.  
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19 6.1.5.2 Rates and Charges

20 Ontario Hydro's regulatory responsibility for the  
21 approval of rates and charges applied by local  
22 commissions is stated in section 96 of The Power  
23 Corporation Act. This regulatory role means that  
24 Ontario Hydro has the responsibility as well as the  
25 authority for approval of the lowest feasible rates,  
26 with the related condition that the approved rates  
27 should provide reasonable assurance that the local  
28 commission's financial viability will be maintained.  
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30 The need for a rate adjustment is usually determined  
31 initially through consultation between the local  
32 commission and Ontario Hydro's Regional Office.  
33 Essentially, this process involves a preliminary  
34 determination of the local commission's revenue  
35 requirements based on its operating expenses and  
36 proposed capital expenditures, including the method  
37 of financing such expenditures. Each rate  
38 adjustment must also reflect the intent of the  
39 Federal Government's anti-inflation program and the  
40 Ontario commitment to that program.  
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42 The Regional Office prepares a rate adjustment  
43 proposal in preliminary form and submits it to Head  
44 Office for review and comments. This procedure  
45 includes an examination of the proposed overall  
46 adjustment, its effect on each customer class and  
47 the rate levels within each schedule in accordance  
48 with established guidelines. Where applicable, Head  
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Office staff suggests certain modifications to the Regional Office and when concurrence is reached, the Regional Office presents the proposed rates to the local commission for its consideration. At this stage, the proposal is still preliminary in nature. The presentation to the municipal utility indicates that these are the rates Ontario Hydro staff is prepared to recommend for formal approval, but the local commission has the right to make counter proposals. It is essential that important issues be resolved at this stage through consultation between the local commission and Hydro staff. If concurrence does not result from such consultations, the matter is referred to the Corporate Office for consideration and decision. With few exceptions, the issues are usually resolved through the consultative process and the local commission makes formal application for the proposed rate adjustment. This application is forwarded to the Corporate Office for approval on behalf of the Hydro Board of Directors. At the end of each month the Corporate Office approvals are submitted to the Board of Directors for ratification.

#### 6.1.6

##### Review of Ontario Hydro Wholesale Rates

The Ontario Energy Board Act was amended in 1973 to require that Ontario Hydro's proposed wholesale rates for municipal utilities and for direct industrial customers be submitted to the Minister of Energy not less than eight months before the date of the proposed change. The amendments also permitted reference to the Ontario Energy Board for review of other matters influencing bulk power rates. A rate proposal, once received by the Minister, is referred at the Minister's discretion to the Ontario Energy Board and the Board is required to hold a public hearing with respect to the proposal. The Act stipulates further that the Energy Board shall report on the hearing to the Minister at least four months before the proposed effective date of a rate change.

Starting in 1974 Ontario Hydro's System Expansion Program and Financial Policies and Objectives were, by special reference, reviewed by The Ontario Energy Board prior to its review of the proposed bulk power rates for 1975.





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6.2

USE OF ELECTRICITY IN ONTARIO

6.2.1

GENERAL

Ontario Hydro provided 93.4% of the total electric energy within the Province in 1973, the latest year for which complete figures are available. The balance represents net purchases outside Ontario and generation by other utilities and private industry.

The per capita electricity use in Ontario increased from 5,506 kWh in 1958 to 10,616 kWh in 1973, at an average annual growth rate of 4.5% (Table 6.2-1). During the same period, the per capita consumption of all forms of energy grew from 168.6 million BTU's to 254.4 million BTU's at an average rate of 2.8%.

Ontario per capita electricity use is about 7% below that of the rest of Canada. According to the latest United Nations energy statistics, Ontario per capita kWh consumption was 12% higher than the US average, 11% above the corresponding consumption in Sweden, and 112% above the UK average. Norway, which at 16,056 kWh per person in 1972 had the highest per capita electricity use in the world, was 60% above the corresponding Ontario average (1,2,3).

Based on the conversion formula of 1 kWh=3412 BTU, the electricity share of the total energy consumption in Ontario increased from 11.1% in 1958 to 14.2% in 1973. These percentage shares may be misleading because of the high utilization efficiency of electricity at the point of use as compared with other forms of energy.



Table 6.2-1

POPULATION, ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN ONTARIO, 1958 - 1973

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Electricity Consumption</u> <u>In Billion</u> <u>kWh</u>	<u>Per Capita Electricity</u> <u>Consumption</u>		<u>Per Capita Energy</u> <u>Consumption</u> <u>In Million BTU's</u>	<u>Electricity</u> <u>As Per Cent</u> <u>of Total Energy</u> <u>Consumption</u> <u>Per Cent</u>
			<u>In kWh</u>	<u>In Equivalent</u> <u>Million BTU's</u>		
	<u>In 000's</u>					
1958	5,821	32.0	5,506	18.9	168.6	11.1
1959	5,969	35.6	5,966	20.4	180.6	11.3
1960	6,111	37.1	6,080	20.7	178.2	11.6
1961	6,236	38.3	6,138	20.9	180.4	11.6
1962	6,351	40.1	6,320	21.6	184.9	11.7
1963	6,481	42.1	6,492	22.2	194.0	11.4
1964	6,631	45.5	6,867	23.4	200.6	11.7
1965	6,788	49.3	7,259	24.8	211.8	11.7
1966	6,961	53.8	7,732	26.4	215.1	12.3
1967	7,127	56.8	7,975	27.2	219.1	12.4
1968	7,262	61.1	8,420	28.7	226.6	12.7
1969	7,385	64.8	8,769	29.9	226.2	13.2
1970	7,551	69.5	9,203	31.4	240.7	13.0
1971	7,703	73.0	9,471	32.3	238.2	13.6
1972	7,834	79.1	10,096	34.5	249.4	13.8
1973	<u>7,939</u>	<u>84.3</u>	<u>10,616</u>	<u>36.2</u>	<u>254.4</u>	14.2
1958-73 Average Annual Growth	2.1%	6.7%		4.5%	2.8%	

SOURCES: Government of Ontario: Ontario Statistics 1975  
 Statistics Canada: Detailed Energy Supply and Demand in  
 Canada (57-207,57-505)





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A trend in electricity consumption based on estimates of use by market segment within the Ontario Hydro service area is displayed in Table 6.2-2. This basis is different from the traditional method of reporting consumption statistics by rate class. These estimates were prepared to facilitate a more meaningful analysis of electricity use and trends by market segment, and they differ significantly from the rate class statistics used by Statistics Canada and other government agencies.

Table 6.2-2

ESTIMATED PRIMARY\* ELECTRICITY  
USE BY MARKET SEGMENTS

Market Segment	1966		1971		1974		1966-74 Average
	Million MWh	%	Million MWh	%	Million MWh	%	Annual % Growth
Residential	12.6	28.8	19.3	31.0	23.8	31.4	8.3
Commercial	8.9	20.3	13.9	22.3	20.6	27.2	11.1
Industrial	<u>22.2</u>	<u>50.9</u>	<u>29.0</u>	<u>46.3</u>	<u>31.4</u>	<u>41.4</u>	<u>4.4</u>
TOTAL	43.7	100.0	62.2	100.0	75.8	100.0	7.1

\*contracted power, both firm and interruptible

SOURCE: Ontario Hydro: Power Market Analysis Department estimates

It is generally conceded that there is a relationship between economic activity and electricity use. While it is exceedingly difficult to establish precise quantitative relationships which explain electricity consumption in terms of other variables, Tables 6.2-3 and 6.2-4 illustrate the kind of data that has explanatory potential.



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COMPARATIVE STATISTICS IN HOUSEHOLDS,  
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT  
(in Thousands)

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1974</u>	1966-1974 Average Annual % Growth
Residential Households	1877	2072	2228	2479	3.5
Commercial Employment	1635	1889	2047	2396	4.9
Industrial Employment	1016	1047	1032	1122	1.2

SOURCE: Government of Ontario: Ontario Statistics 1975

Table 6.2-4

NEW CONSTRUCTION IN ONTARIO  
(in Million Square Feet)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Residential*</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Total</u>
1968	88.0	45.7	19.9	153.6
1969	82.3	57.1	23.2	162.6
1970	81.9	49.7	16.7	148.3
1971	87.3	34.0	11.5	132.8
1972	97.0	51.7	17.6	166.3
1973	111.9	64.7	30.7	207.3
1974	77.4	40.6	28.0	146.0
1975	<u>77.3</u>	<u>32.9</u>	<u>18.9</u>	<u>129.1</u>
Total				
1968-75	703.1	376.4	166.5	1246.0
	(56.4%)	(30.2%)	(13.4%)	(100.0%)

\*New residential construction in terms of dwelling units is shown in  
Table 6.2-10

SOURCE: Southam Business Publications Limited: Canadata Reports



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The breakdown of electricity consumption by its end uses is shown in Table 6.2-5. This type of information is useful in planning for efficient energy utilization.

Table 6.2-5

ESTIMATED PRIMARY ELECTRICITY  
USE BY SELECTED END USES

	1966		1971		1974		1966-74 Average Annual % Growth
	<u>Million MWh</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Million MWh</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Million MWh</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>% Growth</u>
Motor Load	21.2	48.5	32.1	51.6	39.4	52.0	8.1
Heating Load	11.8	27.0	15.4	24.8	18.7	24.7	5.9
Lighting Load	8.4	19.2	11.2	18.0	13.1	17.3	5.7
Other Loads	<u>2.3</u>	<u>5.3</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>5.6</u>	<u>4.6</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>9.1</u>
Total	43.7	100.0	62.2	100.0	75.8	100.0	7.1

Note: Motor load includes all applications where motors are used (for example, it includes oil burners and fan motors on furnaces). Similarly, heating load is limited to all types of resistance, infrared, and induction heating applications, but excludes all motors, even if they represent an integral part of a heating system (consistent with this definition, heating load also includes such resistance heating applications as cooking stoves, water heaters and electric kettles - to name a few).

SOURCE: Ontario Hydro: Power Market Analysis Department estimates

Electricity used by selected applications within each market segment is shown in matrix form in Tables 6.2-6, -7, and -8. It is interesting to note that motor uses constitute a significant proportion of industrial use, while heating applications predominate in residential. In the commercial market segment, motor loads and lighting account for about 90 per cent of the total commercial end use.





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Table 6.2-6

ESTIMATED 1974 PRIMARY CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY  
BY MARKET SEGMENTS AND SELECTED END USES  
(in Billion kWh)

Market \ End Use	Motors	Heating	Lighting	Other	Total
Residential	5.0	13.2	1.9	3.7	23.8
Commercial	10.5	1.2	8.0	.9	20.6
Industrial	23.9	4.3	3.2	*	31.4
TOTAL	39.4	18.7	13.1	4.6	75.8

\*less than .05 billion kWh

SOURCE: Ontario Hydro: Power Market Analysis Department  
estimates

Table 6.2-7

PER CENT DISTRIBUTION OF 1974 PRIMARY ELECTRICITY  
CONSUMPTION BY MARKET SEGMENTS

Market \ End Use	Motors	Heating	Lighting	Other	Total
Residential	12.7	70.6	14.5	80.4	31.4
Commercial	26.6	6.4	61.1	19.6	27.2
Industrial	60.7	23.0	24.4	-	41.4
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 6.2-8

PER CENT DISTRIBUTION OF 1974 PRIMARY  
ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION BY END USES

Market \ End Use	Motors	Heating	Lighting	Other	Total
Residential	21.0	55.5	8.0	15.5	100.0
Commercial	51.0	5.8	38.8	4.4	100.0
Industrial	76.1	13.7	10.2	-	100.0
TOTAL	52.0	24.7	17.3	6.0	100.0



6.2.2

USE OF ELECTRICITY IN RESIDENTIAL MARKET SEGMENT

The residential segment is the most homogeneous, and is, therefore, relatively easy to analyze. Its dynamic and constantly changing nature is depicted in Figure 6.2-1 (4,5,6).

For example, the top curve indicates that in the early forties only about 80% of Ontario residences were electrified and equipped with electric lighting. However, by the mid sixties there were virtually no full time residences without electric service in this Province. Similarly, less than 1/2% of Ontario households today are without an electric refrigerator, while in 1941 only 30% owned them. Electric ranges are in 87% of Ontario homes today as compared with 22% in 1941. Electric water heaters were in only 17% of Ontario residences in 1941 and reached 66% saturation by the mid sixties, but have declined to the 53% level today.

The dynamic change in appliance ownership is perhaps best illustrated by the saturation of washers and television sets. For instance, in 1941 about 52% of Ontario households were equipped with non-automatic wringer-washers; by the mid-fifties their saturation increased to 82%; today less than 25% of Ontario residences use them. On the other hand, automatic washers, which were introduced after World War II, have today reached a saturation of 47%; in other words, since 1972 there were more automatic washers in Ontario homes than wringer washers - in fact there are almost twice as many automatic washers in Ontario homes today than non-automatic ones. The most rapid change, however, has occurred in television ownership. Black and white television sets were introduced in the early fifties; by 1965 they reached their highest saturation, 96%, and have since drastically declined. They are being replaced by colour television sets, which have already reached the 55% saturation level and will probably exceed the saturation of black and white sets by 1977.

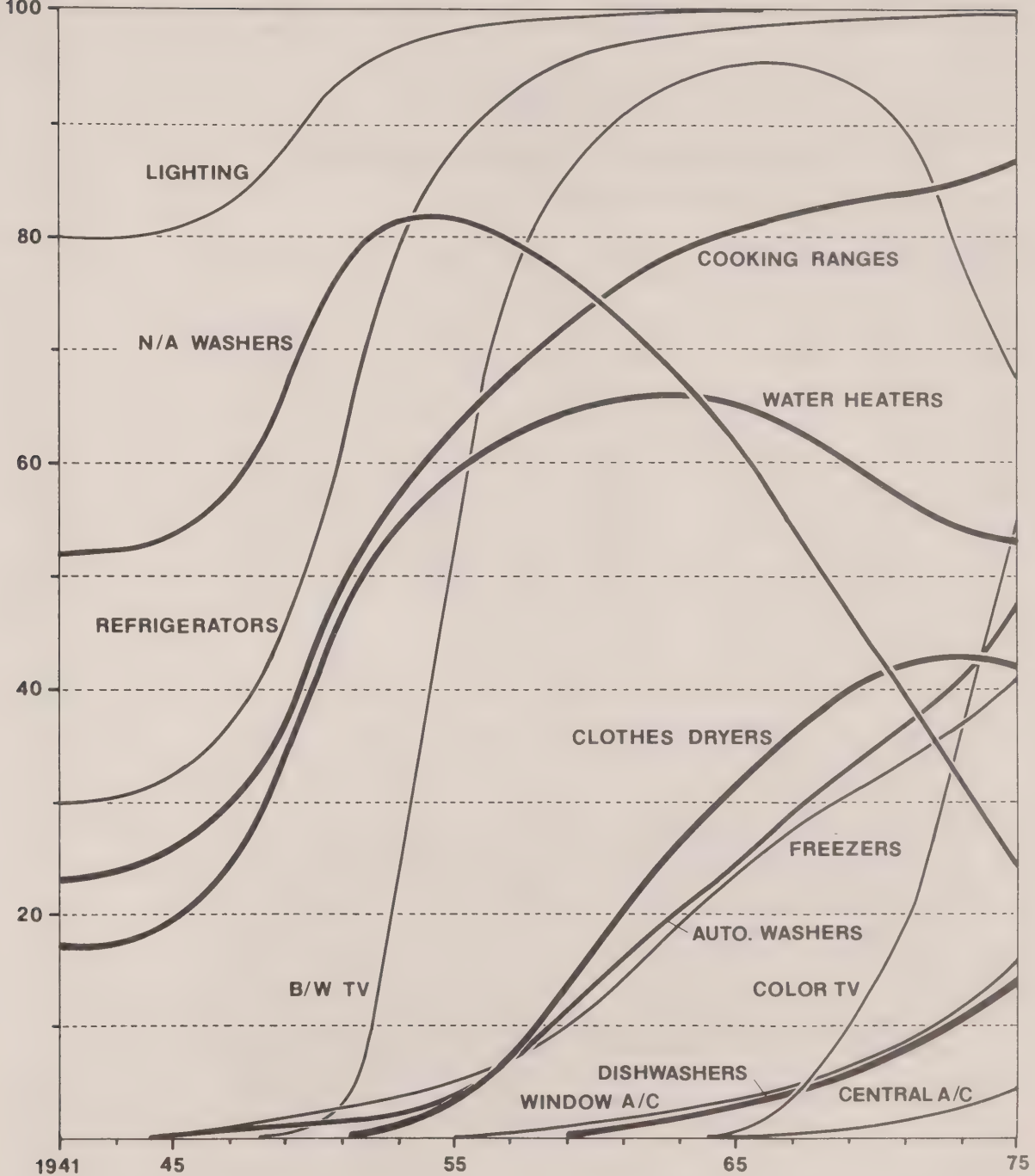




**FIG. 6.2 - 1**

**SATURATION OF RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCES  
ONTARIO**

PERCENT OF  
HOUSEHOLDS  
WITH APPLIANCE





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Table 6.2-9 shows the saturation of space heating in Ontario residences since 1960, by type of energy used.

Table 6.2-9

RESIDENTIAL SPACE HEATING SATURATIONS IN ONTARIO, 1960-1975

(Per cent of Households Heated with:)

	<u>Oil</u>	<u>Gas</u>	<u>Electricity</u>	<u>Other</u>
1960	64.9	15.5	0.1	19.5
1962	64.8	21.4	0.3	13.5
1964	62.9	26.6	1.1	9.4
1966	59.1	29.1	2.3	9.5
1968	57.9	32.8	3.1	6.2
1970	55.2	36.4	4.3	3.1
1971	53.9	38.2	5.0	2.9
1972	52.3	39.3	7.1	1.3
1973	51.6	40.1	7.0	1.3
1974	48.6	41.6	8.7	1.1
1975	47.0	42.1	9.9	1.0

SOURCE: Statistics Canada: Household Facilities and Equipment (64-202)

In the last fifteen years, the share of gas heating has increased by 26.6 percentage points to 42.1%, while electric heating has grown from virtually zero saturation to 9.9% of the total heating market in Ontario residences. On the other hand, the oil heating share has decreased from 64.9% in 1960 to 47% in 1975.

The growth of electric space heating in the new housing market in the past sixteen years is clearly depicted in Table 6.2-10. During the past five years, about one out of every four dwelling units built in Ontario was electrically heated.

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Table 6.2-10

ELECTRIC SPACE HEATING SHARE IN NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

(ONTARIO)

<u>Year</u>	<u>New Dwelling Starts</u>	<u>El. Heating Installa- tions in New Dwellings</u>	<u>Percent Share</u>
1959	54,158	380	0.7
1960	42,282	524	1.2
1961	48,144	999	2.1
1962	44,306	2,679	6.0
1963	55,957	4,169	7.5
1964	65,617	8,284	12.6
1965	66,767	9,861	14.8
1966	52,355	11,662	22.3
1967	68,121	11,446	16.8
1968	80,375	10,600	13.2
1969	81,446	13,700	16.8
1970	76,675	13,770	18.0
1971	89,980	21,742	24.2
1972	102,933	25,870	25.1
1973	110,536	27,120	24.5
1974	85,503	20,520	24.0
1975	79,968	20,550	25.7 (Prel.)

SOURCES: Statistics Canada: Housing Starts and Completions  
(64-002)  
Ontario Hydro: Power Market Analysis estimates

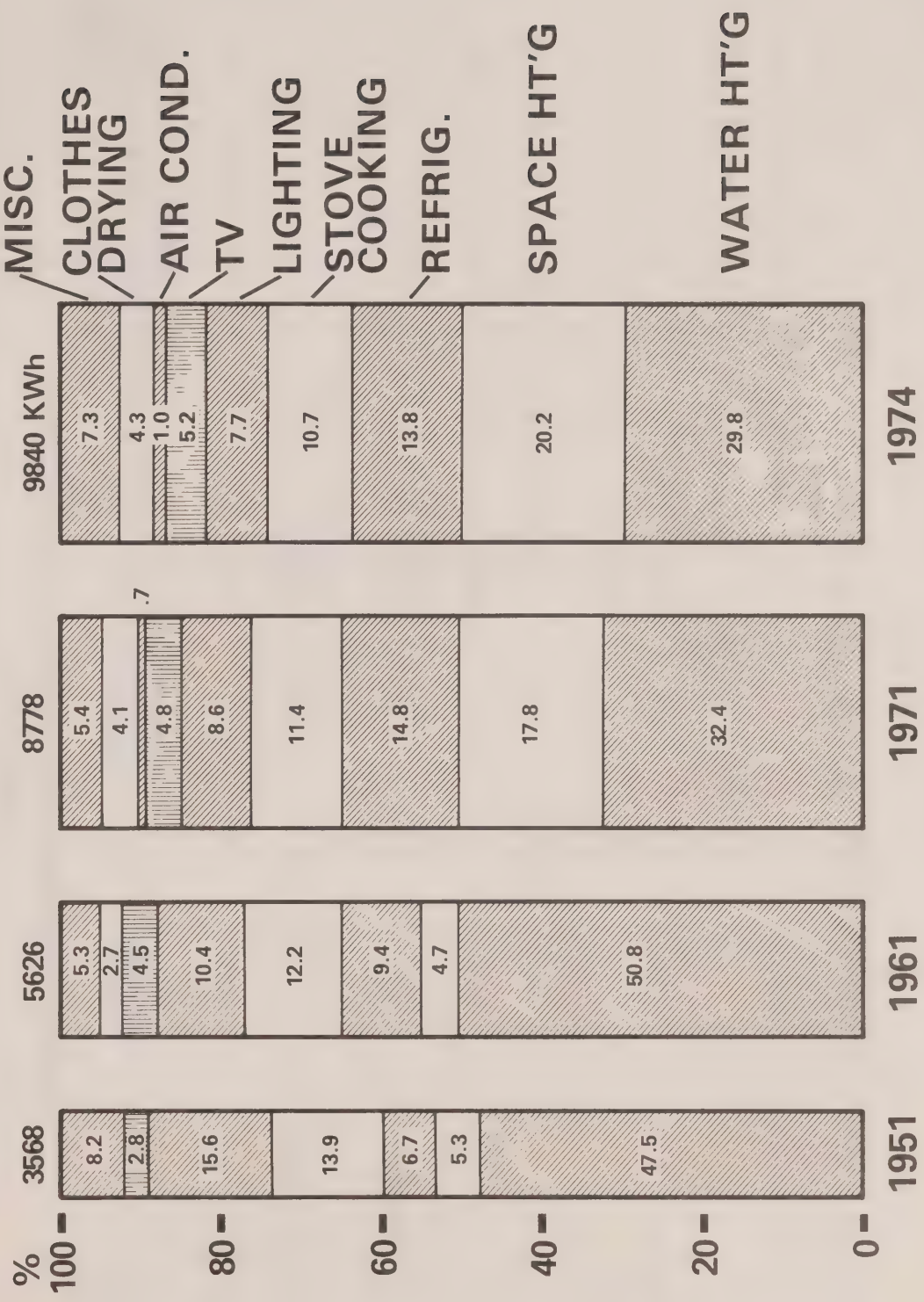
Figure 6.2-2 indicates that the use of electricity for space and water heating purposes represents about 50% of the total residential load (4,5,6). In this instance, however, motors for furnace burners and circulating fans are included in the space heating category (see the detailed analysis of 1974 residential electricity use in Table 6.2-11).



FIG. 6.2-2

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AVG. RESIDENTIAL CONSUMPTION BY END-USE





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Table 6.2-11

ESTIMATED 1974 ELECTRIC ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY SELECTED RESIDENTIAL CATEGORIES

	Annual kWh per Appl. kWh	Sat'n %	Number of Households Using (Thousands)	Total kWh (Millions)	Total Year- round kWh (Millions)	Total Seasonal kWh (Millions)	Total Residen- tial kWh (Millions)	% Dist'n %	Contribution to Average Household Consump'n kWh
<u>Water Heating</u>	5,400	53.5	1,313	7,090.2	7,090.2	104.9	7,195.1	29.8	2932
<u>Space Heating - electric (weighted)</u>	16,000	8.6	212	3,392.0					
<u>non-electric (weighted)</u>	750	48.6	1,192	894.0					
<u>Gas</u>	500	41.6	1,020	510.0	4,796.0	84.6	4,880.6	20.2	1988
<u>Refrigeration - Refrigerators (weighted)</u>	1,000	99.4	2,438	2,438.0					
<u>- Freezers</u>	900	38.8	952	856.8	3,294.8	30.4	3,325.2	13.8	1357
<u>Cooking</u>	1,200	86.3	2,116	2,539.2	2,539.2	43.2	2,582.4	10.7	1053
<u>Lighting</u>	750	100.0	2,453	1,839.8	1,839.8	15.3	1,855.1	7.7	758
<u>Television - B/W</u>	350	72.7	1,785	624.8					
<u>- Color</u>	550	46.3	1,137	625.4	1,250.2	4.6	1,254.8	5.2	512
<u>Air-Conditioning (weighted)</u>	600	17.1	419	251.4	251.4	-	251.4	1.0	98
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					2,708.6	85.1	2,793.7	11.6	1142
<u>Total Residential Consumption (of 2,453,000 households)</u>					23,770.2	368.1	24,138.3	100.0	9840

(Average Annual Consumption per household: - 9,840 kWh)

SOURCES: Statistics Canada: Household Facilities and Equipment (64-202), Ontario Hydro: Energy Application Survey 1974

Ontario Hydro: Power Market Analysis Department estimates



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6.2.3

USE OF ELECTRICITY IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL  
MARKET SEGMENTS

Unlike residential, the commercial and industrial market segments are highly heterogeneous in terms of electricity use and therefore are difficult to analyze. (Their aggregate uses are summarized in Tables 6.2-2, -6, -7 and -8.) When expressed on the "per employee" basis, it appears that the average use per industrial employee has recently stabilized at around 28 MWh. The corresponding commercial average use in 1974 was 8.6 MWh and is growing at an average annual rate of about 6% (Table 6.2-12).

Table 6.2-12

TREND IN "PER EMPLOYEE" ELECTRICITY USE IN  
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL MARKET SEGMENTS

	1966	1969	1971	1974	1966-74 Average
	<u>MWh</u>	<u>MWh</u>	<u>MWh</u>	<u>MWh</u>	<u>Annual % Growth</u>
Commercial	5.4	6.4	6.8	8.6	6.0
Industrial	21.9	24.3	28.1	28.0	3.1

SOURCES: Government of Ontario: Ontario Statistics 1975  
Ontario Hydro: Power Market Analysis Department estimates

The distribution of electricity use in the commercial market segment by type of establishment is shown in Table 6.2-13.



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Table 6.2-13

COMMERCIAL MARKET SEGMENT

ESTIMATED 1972 PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY USE

Retail trade and services	46.3%
Educational establishments	15.4
Office buildings	12.5
Utility services*	10.8
Hotels, motels, etc	7.4
Hospital, nursing homes, etc	4.0
Other	<u>3.6</u>
	100.0

\*includes public transportation, water works, sewage treatment  
and street lighting

SOURCE: Ontario Hydro: Power Market Analysis Department  
estimates

The use of electricity in the manufacturing sector,  
which represents over 80% of electricity consumption  
in the industrial market segment, is analyzed in  
Tables 6.2-14 and -15.

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Table 6.2-14

USE OF ELECTRICITY IN MANUFACTURING 1964-72  
BY STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC) IN MILLIONS KWH  
(and rank order)

INDUSTRY	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Pulp and Paper Mills	4,305 (1)	3,963 (1)	3,959 (1)	4,022 (1)	3,819 (1)	3,693 (1)	3,825 (1)	3,565 (1)	3,497 (1)
Iron & Steel Mills	3,462 (2)	3,252 (3)	3,167 (3)	2,863 (3)	2,853 (3)	2,634 (3)	2,648 (3)	2,463 (3)	2,169 (3)
Mfr Industrial Chemicals	3,220 (3)	3,618 (2)	3,771 (2)	3,547 (2)	3,480 (2)	3,124 (2)	3,031 (2)	2,497 (2)	2,327 (2)
Smelting and Refining	1,416 (4)	1,518 (4)	1,572 (4)	1,034 (4)	1,593 (4)	1,436 (4)	1,266 (4)	1,362 (4)	1,166 (4)
Motor Vehicle Parts	987 (5)	911 (5)	722 (7)	745 (6)	667 (7)	563 (7)	480 (7)	423 (8)	301 (8)
Petroleum Refinery	907 (6)	895 (6)	836 (5)	730 (7)	683 (6)	621 (6)	584 (6)	540 (6)	583 (6)
Abrasives Mfrs	859 (7)	717 (7)	792 (6)	748 (5)	757 (5)	767 (5)	918 (5)	793 (5)	721 (5)
Motor Vehicle Mfrs	700 (8)	671 (8)	598 (8)	645 (8)	585 (8)	494 (8)	474 (8)	445 (7)	370 (7)
Synthetic Textile Mills	516 (9)	438 (9)	433 (9)	302 (10)	406 (9)	367 (9)	334 (10)	267 (10)	246 (10)
Rubber Products	409 (10)	368 (10)	372 (10)	388 (9)	344 (10)	356 (10)	353 (9)	325 (9)	302 (9)
(A) Total of Top 10	16,781	16,356	16,222	15,412	15,024	14,055	13,913	12,680	11,682
(B) All Manufacturers	24,513	23,638	23,084	21,671	21,353	19,941	19,541	17,777	16,307
(A) as % of (B)	68.5	69.2	70.3	71.1	70.4	70.5	71.2	71.3	71.6

NOTE: Figures in brackets represent rank order

SOURCES: Ontario Hydro: Trends in Energy Use Within Ontario Manufacturing Industries (PMA-75-5)  
Ontario Hydro: Utilization and Conservation of Electricity in Industry in Ontario (PMA-75-6)



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Table 6.2-14 shows that ranking of the ten largest manufacturing groups has remained basically the same since 1964. These ten have consistently consumed about 70% of the total electricity used in manufacturing. The largest user groups are pulp and paper mills, iron and steel mills, and manufacturers of industrial chemicals, which together account for almost one half of the electricity use within the manufacturing industry. Further consumption details are shown in Table 6.2-15.





Table 6.2-15

ESTIMATED 1972 DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY USE  
WITHIN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

SIC	Industry	Electricity Use x 10 <sup>6</sup> kWh		SIC	Industry	Electricity Use x 10 <sup>6</sup> kWh	
		Motor	Process			Motor	Process
100	FOOD AND BEVERAGE	1020.9 (80)	81.5 (6)	280	PUBLISHING AND PRINTING	86.5 (33)	62.2 (23)
150	TOBACCO PRODUCTS	17.2 (30)	11.5 (20)	290	PRIMARY METALS	4619.7 (81)	910.5 (16)
160	RUBBER AND PLASTIC	398.7 (55)	140.4 (19)	300	METAL FABRICATING	494.4 (59)	162.9 (19)
170	LEATHER INDUSTRIES	26.8 (44)	10.9 (18)	310	MACHINERY INDUSTRY	330.2 (67)	106.4 (22)
180	TEXTILES	546.3 (71)	28.6 (4)	320	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	1111.7 (59)	540.9 (28)
230	KNITTING MILLS	30.6 (66)	1.8 (4)	330	ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	288.1 (39)	159.6 (21)
240	CLOTHING INDUSTRY	23.8 (61)	2.7 (7)	350	NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	885.7 (47)	866.5 (45)
250	WOOD INDUSTRY	161.5 (72)	9.3 (5)	360	PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	730.5 (80)	- (20)
260	FURNITURE AND FIXTURE	58.4 (50)	9.4 (8)	370	CHEMICALS	3081.1 (85)	346.4 (10)
270	PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS	4287.8 (93)	57.5 (1)	390	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING	91.0 (33)	68.1 (25)
TOTAL MANUFACTURING		18268.9 (74.6)	3599.0 (14.6)	TOTAL MANUFACTURING		2648.2 (10.8)	24516.1 (2451.6)

SOURCES: Ontario Hydro: Trends in Energy Use Within Ontario  
Manufacturing Industries (PMA-75-5)  
Ontario Hydro: Utilization and Conservation of Electricity  
in Industry in Ontario (PMA-75-6)



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The consumption of electricity in the mining sector accounts for approximately 10% of the total industrial segment. The 1972 distribution of electricity use in the mining industry is summarized in Table 6.2-16

Table 6.2-16

1972 DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY USE  
IN MINING SECTOR

	<u>Million kWh</u>	<u>%</u>
Gold Mines	285.5	8.5
Iron Mines	1129.0	33.5
Other Metal Mines*	1618.1	48.0
Quarries and Sand Pits	56.2	1.7
Miscellaneous Mines	<u>280.2</u>	<u>8.3</u>
	3369.0	100.0

\*Mostly Nickel Mines

SOURCE: Statistics Canada and Ontario Statistical Centre: Census of Mines

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6.3 EFFICIENCY IN ELECTRIC ENERGY UTILIZATION

6.3.1 INTRODUCTION

The efficiency of energy utilization is a subject which has been covered in several papers and publications.(1) Much of the material presented here draws on these publications with particular emphasis on the efficiency of electric energy utilization at the point of application and not the efficiency of generation. The material does not consider the conservation aspects of utilization as this will be covered in section 6.4. In addition, a brief review of the national and Ontario energy picture is presented to provide a perspective for the discussion.

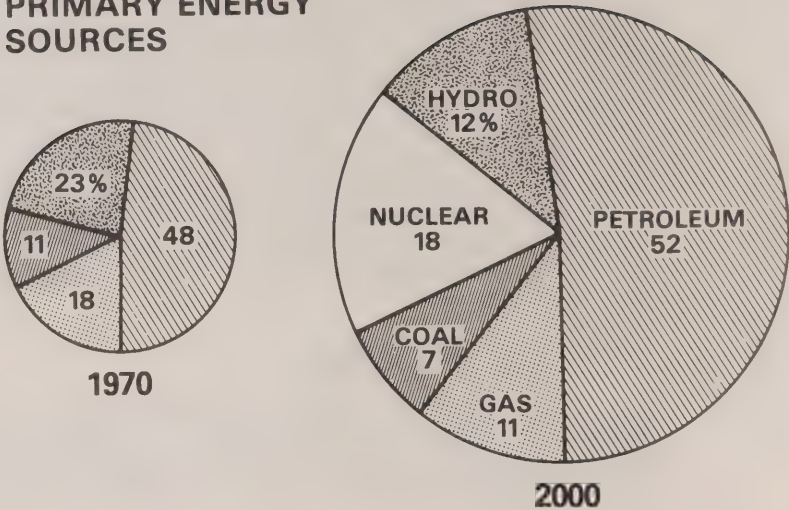
6.3.2 PRIMARY ENERGY SOURCES

An understanding of the significance of efficient electric energy utilization in Ontario depends upon a knowledge of the primary energy sources in Canada and Ontario and their use in the generation of electricity.

The national primary energy sources in 1970, and projected for 2000, are shown in Figure 6.3-1 which is based on reference (2).

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FIG. 6.3-1  
CANADIAN  
PRIMARY ENERGY  
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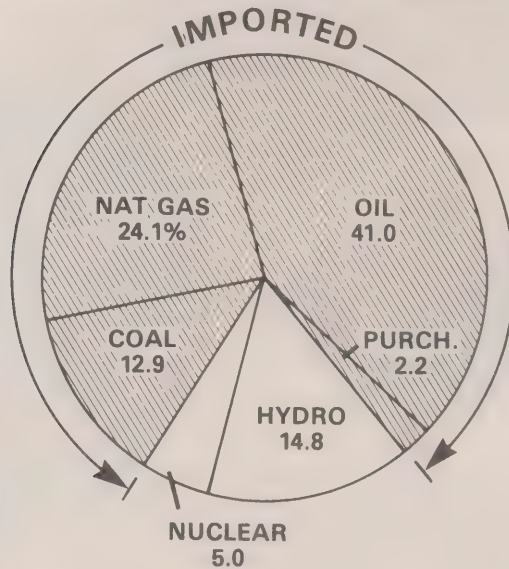


The significant points to note are the quadrupling of primary energy use, the continuing major dependence on oil and gas, the decreasing importance of hydraulic and the emergence of nuclear fuel as a major source. These conclusions are based on the most recent published data. It is recognized however, that these projections have been overtaken by recent events. More recent projections indicate a growth by a factor of three rather than four. However, the relative shares of the total are not significantly changed.

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FIG. 6.3-2  
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ONTARIO PRIMARY ENERGY CONSUMPTION  
BY SOURCE AS % OF TOTAL CONSUMPTION



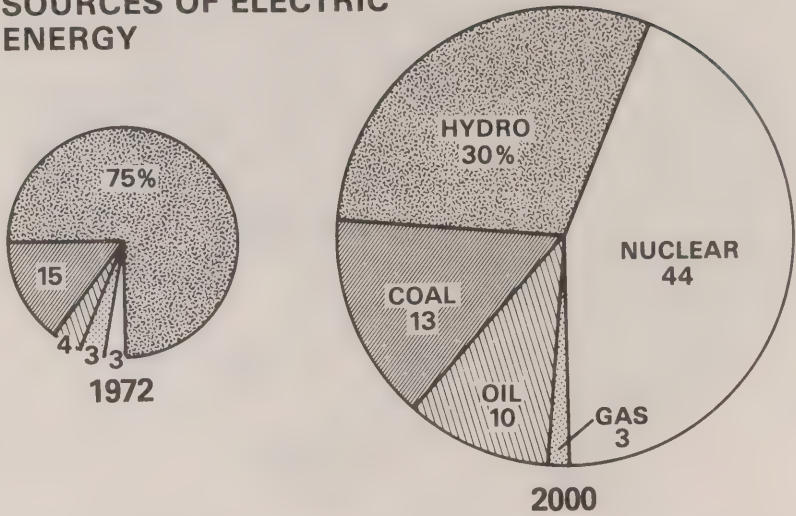
The Ontario primary energy picture, shown in Figure 6.3-2, is very similar to the national picture with the additional factor that only hydraulic and nuclear are indigenous to Ontario. The salient feature to note is that Ontario imports 80% of its primary energy.

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SOURCES OF ELECTRIC ENERGY

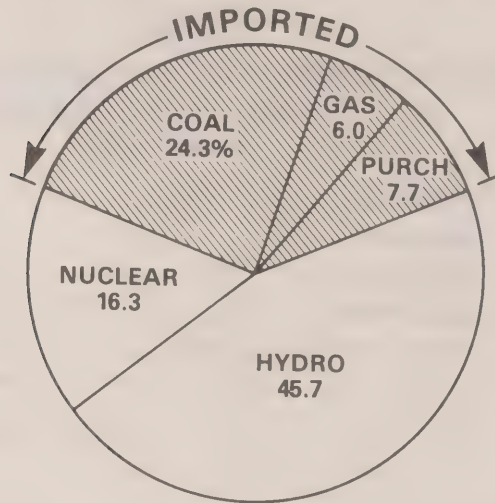
**FIG. 6.3-3  
CANADIAN  
SOURCES OF ELECTRIC  
ENERGY**



The primary sources of electric energy in Canada in 1972 and 2000 are presented in Figure 6.3-3, also based on reference (2). The principal factors here are the quadrupling of electric energy use, the major decrease in importance of hydraulic from three quarters to one third of the total requirement, and the major share, almost one-half, to be taken by nuclear in the year 2000.

FIG. 6.3-4  
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## ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BY SOURCE



The Ontario situation in 1974, Figure 6.3-4, shows two major differences from the national picture, both indicative of the growing dependence on fossil and nuclear electric generation. Hydraulic provides slightly less than one-half of the primary energy input, compared to three-quarters, and nuclear about one-sixth, compared with about one-fiftieth in the national scene.

The common denominator for both Canada and Ontario is the major dependence of electricity supply on renewable and long-life energy sources. Hydro, coal and nuclear, which are not readily useable in their primary form, provide over 90% of the electric energy.

### 6.3.4

#### ELECTRICITY'S SHARE OF ENERGY MARKET BY SEGMENT AT POINT OF APPLICATION

The share of the Ontario energy market which is held by electricity in each market segment at the point of use is shown in Table 6.3-1. Not surprisingly, electricity has essentially no share of the transportation segment, although it represents over 25% of total energy consumption. Electricity's largest share is 22% in the commercial market, primarily because of lighting and space conditioning. In total, electricity provides 15 per cent of the end-use energy market.



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TABLE 6.3-1  
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ELECTRICITY SHARE OF UTILIZATION ENERGY  
BY MARKET SEGMENT  
(PERCENT)

TRANSPORTATION .....	< 1
RESIDENTIAL .....	19
COMMERCIAL .....	22
INDUSTRIAL .....	17.4
ENERGY SUPPLY INDUSTRY .....	10
TOTAL .....	15

6.3.5

APPLICATION EFFICIENCY OF ELECTRICITY USE BY END USE

The division of electric energy use by type of application and an estimate of the utilization efficiency of each is shown in the Table 6.3-2. The table indicates that electric energy is used efficiently in motors and heating and that it is the only practical energy source in lighting and communications.

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**TABLE 6.3-2**  
**1974**  
**ELECTRICITY USE BY APPLICATION**

	% TOTAL	EST. EFFICIENCY %
MOTORS .....	52.0	40-95
HEATING .....	24.7	80-100
LIGHTING .....	17.3	5-32*
OTHERS (ELECTRONIC, ETC.) ....	6.0	*-**

\* NO ALTERNATIVE

\*\* EFFICIENCY UNDETERMINED

Electric motors are the most efficient of prime movers and range in size from fractional horsepower to thousands. The tabulated efficiency range of 40-95% takes into account many factors that influence motor efficiency, namely loading and size. Typically, electric motors are loaded below their rated horsepower because a safety factor is included in their selection. The load on the motor is variable: crusher and roller motors idle for long periods. Efficiency is very dependent on size. It is high with large motors which are normally operated with a high load factor and low with small motors which usually operate at low load factors.

Electric space and process heating have traditionally been applied in a careful manner primarily because of high energy cost. Consequently, their efficiency of application is relatively high, 80%.

**6.3.6**

**EFFICIENCY OF ELECTRICITY USE**

The efficiency of electricity use in this discussion refers to the efficiency of use at the point of application and does not take into account losses in

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the transportation, conversion (generation), and transmission of the primary energy.

The efficiency of electricity use by particular application, rather than the broad classifications discussed above, is shown in Table 6.3-3.

**TABLE 6.3-3**  
**EFFICIENCY OF ELECTRIC ENERGY UTILIZATION**

**SPACE HEATING**

RESIDENTIAL .....	95-100
COMMERCIAL.....	95-100+
HEAT PUMPS .....	150-180

**APPLIANCES**

WATER HEATER.....	90%
RANGE.....	45
CLOTHES DRYER .....	40
REFRIGERATOR, AIR CONDITIONER, TV SET, ETC. ....	UNDETERMINED

**LIGHTING**

INCANDESCENT.....	5
FLUORESCENT .....	20
HIGH INTENSITY .....	32

**6.3.7      SPACE HEATING**

**6.3.7.1    Residential**

Electric space heating in residential premises is provided by essentially three types: radiant ceiling cable, baseboard heaters and central electric furnaces. The first two types, which represent over 75% of the installations, have an efficiency of 100% at the point of use. The central furnace has an efficiency of about 95%, the losses being primarily from the air distribution system into unheated areas and wall cavities and additional infiltration into the home.

1 6.3.7.2 Commercial

2  
3 Where electric heating is used in commercial  
4 structures it is usually a baseboard or warm air  
5 system having an efficiency of 95%. In large office  
6 buildings, internal source heat transfer systems are  
7 used which transport the excess heat from the inner  
8 core of the building to the perimeter. The thermal  
9 efficiency of these systems can be 200-300 per cent  
10 or more.

11 6.3.7.3 Heat Pump

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13 The heat pump extracts heat, usually from the  
14 outside air, and delivers it to the space to be  
15 heated. In residential and small commercial  
16 applications, eg, restaurants and banks, the air  
17 source heat pump has an efficiency 150-180 per cent.  
18 This means that for every unit of electricity  
19 supplied to the heat pump, 1.5 to 1.8 units of heat  
20 are delivered to the space. There are very few heat  
21 pumps in use at the present time.

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23 6.3.8 APPLIANCES

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25 The utilization efficiency of appliances varies  
26 widely, depending on the type of appliance as well  
27 as the use made of the appliance. This will be  
28 discussed below in more detail for some of the major  
29 appliances.

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31 6.3.8.1 Water Heater

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33 The average electric water heater operates at 90%  
34 efficiency on an annual basis because of wide-spread  
35 acceptance of Hydro initiated and supported  
36 insulation and performance standards.

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38 6.3.8.2 Range

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40 The electric range is a relatively inefficient  
41 appliance for two major reasons. Firstly, the oven  
42 is insulated only sufficiently to keep the stove  
43 surface temperatures at a safe level, with oven  
44 efficiency not a major concern. Secondly, the heat  
45 transfer between the surface elements and the  
46 cooking pots is highly dependent on the size, shape  
47 and material of the pot and the thermal setting of  
48 the element control. Typical electric range

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1 efficiency is 45%. The efficiency of the micro-wave  
2 oven is 80%, but its versatility is somewhat  
3 restricted.

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5 6.3.8.3 Clothes Dryer

6 The clothes dryer is about 40 per cent efficient.  
7 The major loss in the clothes dryer results from the  
8 relatively low drying temperature, limited by heat  
9 sensitive fabrics, and the fact that the moist air  
10 is normally discharged to the outside.  
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12 6.3.8.4 Refrigerator

13 The efficiency of the refrigerator is a function of  
14 two major components: the refrigeration cycle  
15 itself and the thermal insulation on the walls of  
16 the refrigerator. The coefficient of performance of  
17 the refrigeration cycle is determined primarily by  
18 considerations of cost and space with minor emphasis  
19 placed on thermodynamics. Refrigerator wall  
20 thickness is determined primarily by the need to  
21 prevent sweating on the exterior surfaces, rather  
22 than by any concern for efficiency.  
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24 6.3.9 LIGHTING

25 The utilization efficiency of a light source is  
26 referred to as efficacy by the lighting industry and  
27 is expressed as the ratio of lighting energy  
28 produced to the electric energy required, ie, lumens  
29 per watt. Since lumens per watt is not a readily  
30 comparable unit for light source efficiency, a  
31 simple comparison can be developed by expressing the  
32 lumens per watt of a particular light source as a  
33 percentage of the lumens per watts of the  
34 theoretically most efficient light source. This  
35 technique is used here to express lighting  
36 "efficiency".  
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38 The total electric energy input to interior lighting  
39 fixtures is dissipated within the conditioned space  
40 and, hence, these efficiency values can be  
41 misleading. In other words, the lighting load can  
42 be useful space heating energy in winter, but is an  
43 added cooling load in summer.  
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45 The efficiency of the incandescent lamp is 5%, the  
46 lowest of common electric light sources. The  
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efficiency of typical fluorescent lamps is 20%, four times that of incandescent lamps. The efficiency of high intensity discharge lamps is 32%, over 50% better than that of fluorescent lamps.

#### 6.3.10 POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS IN UTILIZATION EFFICIENCY

Efficiency improvements are possible in all the various applications noted above, but only improvements in the two largest residential uses of electric energy will be discussed: water and space heating.

##### 6.2.10.1 Water Heating

Although already very efficient, recent studies indicate that higher insulation levels on the water heater would be economically justified over the life of the unit.(3) The largest saving in water heater energy would be accomplished by recovering the useful energy in the waste hot water, particularly from automatic appliances.(4) The economics of this approach are not attractive at present energy prices.

##### 6.3.10.2 Space Heating

Electric space heating is almost exclusively of the resistance type, however the heat pump offers the major potential for increased utilization efficiency. Present day heat pumps have been designed primarily as air-conditioners for use in southern U.S. climates. Recent studies showed that significant improvements in heat pump efficiency could be realized if the equipment design were optimized for heating.(5) Ontario Hydro is presently investigating the technical problems associated with this improvement. Even improvements in heat pump efficiency, of say 20%, would realize significant overall energy savings.

#### 6.3.11 SIGNIFICANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS IN EFFICIENCY

Improvements in the utilization efficiency of various applications of electric energy will not have a major impact on Ontario's total energy use. Traditional end uses of electricity are already efficient and the potential for improvement is small. Since electricity provides 15% of the



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1 Ontario energy market, a 20% improvement in  
2 utilization efficiency would represent only a three  
3 per cent reduction in total energy use. This  
4 highlights the importance of increasing the  
5 utilization efficiency of oil and gas if major  
6 overall energy savings are to be realized.

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8 While some energy savings can result from  
9 improvements in end use utilization efficiency,  
10 greater savings can be realized by strong energy  
11 conservation measures, such as better insulation in  
12 buildings, lower thermostat settings and lower use  
13 of energy in all electrical applications by changes  
14 in life-style.  
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1 6.4 ONTARIO HYDRO'S ENERGY  
2 CONSERVATION/ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
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4 6.4.1 INTRODUCTION  
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6 The conservation of energy programs currently  
7 carried out by Ontario Hydro and outlined in this  
8 section are those developed since Hydro first  
9 adopted, in May, 1974, a policy to actively promote  
10 energy conservation. In recent months the  
11 development of serious capital constraints and the  
12 resulting reduction in future new generating  
13 capacity have necessitated further measures to  
14 reduce the electricity growth rate.  
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16 To establish an effective future course of action,  
17 realistic conservation objectives or targets must be  
18 set that will bring existing electrical usage and  
19 load growth within the capacity limits imposed by  
20 the restrictions on available capital. It is  
21 necessary to determine the level of potential  
22 reductions, where they can be achieved, how to go  
23 about achieving them, what resources to apply,  
24 costs, the schedule on both a short- and long-range  
25 basis, and how to monitor progress.  
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27 An issue of prime importance is the determination of  
28 energy (kilowatt-hours) and demand (kilowatts) goals  
29 for reduction. This involves detailed analytical  
30 work presently underway in assessing potential  
31 energy reductions by classes of customers, type of  
32 use, system characteristics, and identification of  
33 the best opportunities for reduction. The effect of  
34 price level and structure on the level of  
35 utilization is being analyzed, and the relative  
36 importance of kWh and kW reductions is to be  
37 assessed in order to determine the direction and  
38 nature of the efforts to be taken.  
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40 Table 6.4-1 presents a rough estimate, based on 1974  
41 electricity consumption, of the potential energy  
42 savings by market segment and end-use largely  
43 through change of habit, reduction of waste and, to  
44 a lesser degree, application of known technology.  
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TABLE 6.4-1  
1974 ONTARIO HYDRO END USES  
MILLION MWh  
(SHORT TERM CONSERVATION POTENTIAL)

	MOTORS	HEAT	LIGHT	OTHER	TOTAL
RES.	5.0 (.3)	13.2 (1.3)	1.9 (.2)	3.7 (.4)	23.8 (2.2)
COM.	10.5 (1.1)	1.2 (.1)	8.0 (2.4)	.9 (*)	20.6 (3.6)
IND.	23.9 (.7)	4.3 (.4)	3.2 (*)	* (*)	31.4 (1.1)
TOTAL	39.4 (2.1)	18.7 (1.8)	13.1 (2.6)	4.6 (.4)	75.8 (6.9)

\*LESS THAN .05 MILLION MWh





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In addition to the conservation potential shown in Table 6.4-1, the following table includes estimates of the potential energy savings which might be achieved if newly added customers also adopt conservation measures:

Table 6.4-2

Potential Energy Savings 1976-1982  
(Existing and Newly Added Customers)

76	77	78	79	80	81	82	
.5	1.3	2.6	5.3	7.0	9.6	12.3	Millions MWh
60	150	300	600	800	1,100	1,400	Average MW
.6	1.3	2.5	4.4	5.6	7.4	8.9	% of System Primary Energy

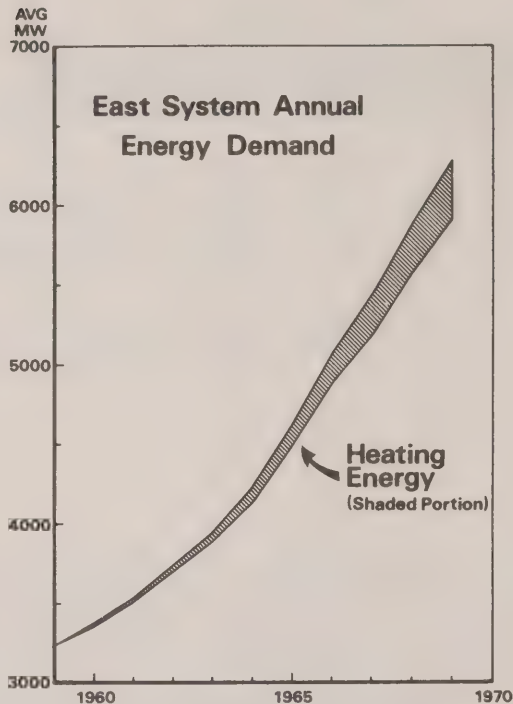
The data in Tables 6.4-1 and 6.4-2 provide preliminary figures which, at best, are rough estimates of the potential savings achievable through change of habit and the application of known technology. Load management and conservation programs have the potential to bring about a reduction in the order of nine per cent by the end of 1982. The goals for the first three years would be 60, 150, and 300 average megawatts, and these low figures relative to the 1,400 average megawatts projected for 1982 reflect the difficulty in early years of developing and implementing a program of this nature. The 1976 figures also indicate that some conservation opportunities have already been realized through the programs in place during the past two years. Some indication of the "early years" impact of a promotional program is illustrated in Fig. 6.4-1. This shows the estimated effect of electric heating on the system energy demand from the time it was initially promoted in 1960 until 1970 when marketing forces were fully in place, including broad industry support and consumer

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acceptance. This promotional program had very little effect in the early years.

Fig. 6.4-1

### Estimated Effect Of Electric Heating



#### 6.4.2

##### WORK WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The Ontario Government, through the Ministry of Energy, has approached energy management primarily by influencing other ministries, agencies of government and private enterprise to undertake programs on their own.

Ontario Hydro cooperates with various ministries to effect conservation measures. An example is the inclusion in the new Ontario Building Code of improved standards of thermal insulation for all fuels, previously only associated with electric heating. This was accomplished by Hydro staff members and other energy interests working with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations who are responsible for the Code. As other regulatory

conservation measures are required Ontario Hydro will work with the appropriate ministries and agencies.

Assistance, guidance and training have been provided to the Ministries of Industry and Tourism, Agriculture and Food, Government Services and Education. For example, Ontario Hydro staff provided technical training and material for personnel manning the Ministry of Industry and Tourism's Energy Mobile Support Unit.

#### 6.4.3 ONTARIO HYDRO'S ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

##### 6.4.3.1 Residential Segment

###### (a) "Conservenergy"

The "Conservenergy" program is an on-going activity to provide material on conservation to Ontario Hydro's area offices and municipal electric utilities to assist them in their efforts to make the public aware of the need to conserve and of the means to accomplish this.

Starting in June of 1974 with the "Wise Use of Energy" booklet, a number of brochures, pamphlets, billing inserts, truck cards, window banners, radio and TV commercials and press releases were produced and distributed. Revised and additional materials have been added to the program during 1975 and 1976. (1) The use of this material by municipal utilities has been increasing as individuals have become more cognizant of the need for energy conservation.

###### (b) Heat Pump Evaluation and Development

###### (i) Evaluation

This field activity assesses the effectiveness of design and application techniques of existing residential heat pumps in using energy and determines their reliability from servicing records. Some 300 residential heat pumps installed in the past two years are presently being monitored and are included in the evaluation program to date. Of these, 50

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installations have been selected for detailed operational study including energy inputs to compressor, fan and defrost cycle over at least one full heating and cooling season. This study will determine the effects of residential heat pump loads on the electrical distribution system. It will also provide field test data to validate computerized design criteria and energy consumption. The evaluation will provide information to manufacturers and their dealers to enable them to effect product and installation improvements. The instrumentation of the 50 units was completed in March 1976 and a report will be available after the 1976-77 heating season.(2) A similar study has been carried out in the USA, but there is no data on heat pumps for Ontario climatic conditions.(3)

(ii) Development

An Ontario Hydro research program to develop a residential heat pump more suitable for Canadian climatic conditions is being carried out jointly with the Canadian Electrical Association who have contributed to the funding. Present day heat pumps have been designed primarily for cooling in the warmer climate of the southern USA where minimal heating is required. A heat pump for the Canadian climate must give reliable and efficient operation, a long life expectancy, and a seasonal co-efficient of performance (COP) of 2.0-2.5. (Over the heating season, for every kilowatt hour of energy input two to two and one-half kilowatt hours of equivalent heat energy output would be obtained). The best seasonal COP expected from existing heat pumps is 1.5 to 1.8 in Southern Ontario.(4)

(c) Electric Space Conditioning

Ontario Hydro's interest in residential electric space conditioning is to ensure that those customers who install electric heating are provided with accurate design and



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1 application criteria to provide efficient use  
2 and satisfactory performance, and is to  
3 encourage among the building trades and  
4 equipment manufacturers, a uniformity of  
5 standards for design, application and  
6 performance. To achieve these objectives  
7 Ontario Hydro has undertaken the following  
8 activities.

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- 10 (i) Insulation inspection and verification of  
11 design calculations carried out on a spot-  
12 check basis to encourage proper  
13 application of these insulation standards  
14 until such time as local building  
15 inspectors can assume this function.
- 16 (ii) Training sessions presented to local and  
17 provincial building officials, as well as  
18 other interested parties on proper  
19 insulation application techniques.
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- 21 (iii) Development of a three-part audio-visual  
22 program. This consists of a general  
23 presentation on how insulation works and  
24 its importance; an instructional  
25 presentation directed to insulation  
26 applicators and related trades; and an  
27 instructional presentation directed to  
28 municipal, provincial and federal building  
29 officials associated with the inspection  
30 of buildings. Over 300 presentations have  
31 been given to some 8,500 persons at  
32 meetings and seminars across the province  
33 in the past two years. Fourteen sets of  
34 the audio visual presentation have been  
35 purchased by a major insulation  
36 manufacturer to provide information to  
37 insulation applicators across Canada.
- 38
- 39 (iv) A Technical Training Program on the proper  
40 design, application and installation of  
41 electric space conditioning systems. This  
42 is constantly updated to ensure that  
43 construction trades employ the latest  
44 techniques in the interests of efficient  
45 energy use and customer satisfaction.  
46 Contractors, distributors and others have  
47 been encouraged to perform heating design  
48 calculations in accordance with the
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national CSA Standard C273.1 - Residential Electric Heating Standards.(5) Since April 1975 over 750 contractors have attended refresher courses and present indications are that another 500 will participate. Ontario Hydro also provides training material as the basis for part of course curricula for many trades and vocational schools across the province.

(d) Development of Performance Standards

Historically, electrical products have only had to meet mandatory safety criteria as established by the Canadian Standards Association which is the governing body for electrical equipment certification in Canada. On the other hand CSA plumbing and oil furnace equipment standards are both safety and performance oriented and are required by the appropriate authorities having jurisdiction over equipment installation.

To date electrical equipment and installation performance standards have been developed for residential electric heating design and installation, baseboard heating equipment, water heaters, thermostats, and residential ventilating equipment.(6,7,8,9) Ontario Hydro has been instrumental in the development of the above performance standards and is now an active member of the new CSA Standard Steering Committee on the Performance of Electrical Products (SSCPEP). This nation-wide industry, government and consumer committee is endeavouring to develop and implement performance standards for other electrical appliances or devices where significant energy savings may be expected. Some products currently being considered by national Standards Technical Committees are refrigerators, ranges, room and central air conditioners, electric furnaces and heat pumps. It is not practical to develop such equipment performance standards for Ontario only, as manufacturers resist a multiplicity of standards across the country for a market the size of Canada. Ontario Hydro's aim is to actively support and encourage standards for

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products where significant increased energy savings are possible.

(e) Displays

Displays depicting the importance of insulation and "the wise use of energy" are used at major trade shows to convey the energy conservation message to industries and trades who are in a position to influence buying decisions.(10)

Although it is not possible to accurately measure the effect of displays on changing attitudes, there has been a marked interest in the insulation display. Displays will be placed in the following major trade shows and conventions in 1976: Canadian Environmental Exposition, Western Ontario Farm, Canada Farm Show, Showcase 1976, and the Canadian Building Congress. In addition 20 displays sponsored by municipal utilities are expected to be presented in 1976.

(f) Communications

Advertising, and services provided to municipal utilities for their own advertising, are designed to develop a conservation attitude in the minds of the general public, as well as specific audiences in industry, commerce and agriculture.(11)

A study carried out in October 1973 to assess the impact of this advertising indicated that 43% of those interviewed recalled that the advertising messages emphasized the conservation of energy. A second study conducted in March 1975 revealed that the percentage of public recognition had increased to 55% indicating that the advertising has been effective to date in bringing to the attention of the public the need to conserve electricity.

In employee publications Hydro has endeavoured to instil employee awareness of the need for energy conservation. Over 30 articles appeared in 1974-75 indicating activities designed to encourage "the wise use of energy".

(g) Technical Consultation Service

This activity consists of providing technical advice and assistance to customers, designers and builders, upon request, with respect to efficient use of energy for residential applications.

Information is also provided to customers through a series of brochures, booklets and pamphlets on energy conservation aspects of various equipment applications.(1)

(h) Joint Energy Industry Conservation Committee

In 1974 Ontario Hydro was instrumental in establishing the Joint Energy Industry Conservation Committee (JEICC), whose task was to persuade the Associate Committee on the National Building Code to incorporate insulation levels in its code.(12) This involved organizing three energy interests (oil, gas, and electric) for the purpose of promoting energy conservation. The JEICC is also working with federal and provincial governments to obtain tax relief and other financial incentives for energy conserving products. The removal of the federal sales tax on insulation products has already been achieved.

(i) Development of New Techniques for Re-Insulation of Existing Housing Stock

Present methods of reinsulating existing homes have shown beneficial effects in energy conservation. A documented example is a 900 square foot Willowdale house converted to electric heating with no change in insulation levels. This house was re-insulated with 6" of mineral wool in the ceiling, walls blown full and 2 inches in the floor which resulted in a reduction in energy consumption from 18,480 to 9,720 Kwhr per year.

There is considerable room for improvement in both insulating products, such as more

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thermally efficient insulation materials, and in application methods, such as minimizing of structural air leakage.

Cold air infiltration into many structures can account for up to one-third of the total heating energy required. To determine the tightness or leakage of houses, Ontario Hydro's Research Division has developed a simple procedure using a portable window exhaust fan to indicate the magnitude and location of air leaks.(13) This technique can be used to identify poor residential construction. It has been used to resolve complaints about excessive heating costs and humidity complaints.

Another method of demonstrating heat losses from residential structures is infra-red thermo-vision detection of such losses.(14) This technique may be used to scan large areas of existing housing stock to reveal excessive heat leakage. Because of the difficulty and expense of obtaining and interpreting the data this program has not been used on a broad basis to date. Some benefit may be obtained through demonstration of the excessive heat losses in selected housing developments, and in assessing the results of re-insulation promotional programs.

#### 6.4.3.2 Industrial Segment

##### (a) Energy Management Seminars

Seminars for senior executives and plant engineers have been designed to create an awareness of the need for improved energy utilization. The end objective is to have the participants take individual action within their own industry recognizing the fact that a multiplicity of industrial processes and energy applications is involved.

The initial series of seminars for industry commenced in 1974, and was jointly sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism and Ontario Hydro. They served as the basis for a "two level" management approach commenced by Ontario Hydro in 1975. The intent of this



approach is to first obtain the understanding and active support of senior management to ensure that the technical and staff resources necessary to implement energy management/energy conservation activities are available within the particular industry.

The first level of Energy Management seminars of the current series (for senior plant management) commenced in 1975. To date 28 of these seminars have been held at major centres across the province with total registration of 728 participants.

A second level of the current series of Energy Management seminars (for the production and plant engineering personnel) commenced in late 1975. In these seminars, in-depth presentations are given on the following subjects which were covered only briefly in the 1974 series:

- Lighting (systems, efficiency, maintenance)
- Heat recovery (concepts, equipment, economics)
- Formation of in-plant Energy Management committees(15)

To date five such seminars have been held with attendance of 177 people. A list of all registrants at the seminars is being maintained for follow-up purposes. Material on various related subjects is being mailed to this group at regular intervals. This printed material, in the form of 4-page folders, covers such topics as lighting, heat recovery, poor utilization voltage, power factor and thermal insulation of process equipment. Other topics are being developed. These Energy Management folders also serve as follow-up material for enquiries generated from advertising in various trade publications.(15)

(b) In-Plant Energy Management Committees

This activity is designed to encourage industrial customers to organize their own energy management committees to improve their plant efficiencies.

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Prior to Ontario Hydro's entry into this activity a number of large corporations such as General Motors and International Nickel had already set up Energy Management committees. Hydro is endeavouring to motivate more industries to do likewise through seminars, mailings and plant visitations. Examples include the following:

An Automobile Manufacturer

A visit to the plant by Hydro staff at the request of the company readily identified some 30 items of energy waste. For example, lighting fixtures were noted as being dirty. With the improved light output as a result of proper maintenance, it was estimated that more than 200 fixtures could be removed without affecting production. It was also noted that lights were left on for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, although only two shifts were in operation. Recommendations for reducing energy losses from various process tanks, and for the recovery of heat from various exhaust systems were also made.

An Automotive Parts Manufacturer

In this instance a number of recommendations were made with respect to the lighting system. The first consisted solely of changing the method of switching the existing systems, indicating a potential saving of \$11,300 per annum, or 2,260,000 kWh. A second recommendation covered a proposed relamping of one area. The indicated expenditure of \$26,000, would generate annual savings of \$5,400 or approximately a 5-year payback period at current energy prices. The plant power factor was also analyzed and it was noted that a \$20,000 investment would yield annual savings in excess of \$14,000 for a payback within two years.



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(c) The Ontario Energy Flow Chart

A visual presentation using a three dimensional plastic model demonstrates energy inputs and outputs (both useful and wasted) in all sectors from 1965 and projected to 1985. This presentation has been given to over 75 groups of senior management personnel across the province. In addition it is also included as part of the Energy Management seminars referred to previously. This energy flow chart has been an effective tool in focussing attention on necessity for energy conservation. The presentation has been videotaped by a major oil company and a major steel manufacturer for use in their in-house energy management programs across Canada.

6.4.3.3 Agricultural Segment

(a) Industry Contacts

This activity involves maintaining personal contact with farm equipment suppliers to encourage the selection and use of proper equipment for maximum energy efficiency in specific applications, such as ventilation of animal housing. It also involves the provision of related technical assistance to builders and to field representatives of Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The information provides data on the proper sizing of motors and on farm building environmental control equipment (fans and heaters).

(b) Technical Training and Services

Technical training is provided for contractors and builders. Two key elements used as references for such training are "The Farm Handbook" and "Ventilation Guide" both of which are produced by Ontario Hydro. The objective of this activity is to ensure that energy efficient designs are employed. This technical assistance is also provided to individual customers.

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Commercial Segment

(a) Design of New Buildings

The objective of this activity is to encourage the design of "energy efficient" structures through contacts with building designers, their clients and government ministries. They are encouraged to use, where applicable, good thermal design of the structure, solar heat gains, heat reclamation, low energy input efficient lighting systems, thermal storage and sophisticated control systems. Designers are encouraged to employ computer programs to assess the merits of these variables.

(b) Conservation in Existing Buildings

Existing buildings offer the greatest potential for energy conservation. Some major all-electric buildings have been monitored over the past two years. Energy use data was obtained and compared to the original design estimates and in some cases corrective action taken. Two examples are:

A high school in Nepean Township

Studies done by consultants retained by the school board, coupled with similar studies by Hydro, indicated modifications in operating procedures would result in considerable reductions in both energy and demand. Studies following the modifications showed that in 1975 there was a 29.8 per cent reduction in electrical energy consumed and a 23 per cent reduction in demand over 1974. Annual savings, based on current rates, are approximately \$26,000. (16)

Trent University - Peterborough

Following discussions between Hydro and plant operating staff the University has reduced the electrical demand by 22 per cent and trimmed annual energy consumption by 1.5 million kWh, in spite of a 40 per cent increase in building space. (16) This

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1 was accomplished by reduced lighting  
2 levels, improved peak load control and  
3 modified operating procedures.

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5 In order to assess the potential for overall  
6 energy conservation in existing buildings, a  
7 survey of 131 apartment buildings and office  
8 buildings was conducted. The survey obtained  
9 data with respect to all forms of energy used  
10 in these buildings. No similar data bank of  
11 information previously existed and the results  
12 will be of value to other groups involved in  
13 energy conservation, such as the federal and  
14 provincial energy ministries. Where the survey  
15 indicated potential for energy conservation,  
16 Ontario Hydro will provide the owners of these  
17 buildings with assistance in assessing areas  
18 for improvement. The results of this survey  
19 serve to support the need for mandatory energy  
20 budgets for future buildings by building code  
21 authorities.

22 (c) Energy Application Information

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24 Seminars, brochures and pamphlets have proven  
25 effective in providing information to specific  
26 audiences, such as design engineers and  
27 architects and school boards. These methods of  
28 communication can also be used for other groups,  
29 such as apartment and office building owners.  
30 A technically-oriented periodical entitled  
31 "Energy Management", is being produced to reach  
32 these interest groups on a wide range of topics,  
33 such as lighting system efficiency, pipe  
34 insulation and peak load control. (16)

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36 Ontario Hydro conducted a preliminary seminar  
37 for approximately 400 members of the staff of  
38 the London Board of Education in December 1975.  
39 A series of similar seminars on energy  
40 management of school buildings is now in the  
41 development stage in co-operation with the  
42 Ontario Ministry of Education. A series of  
43 one-day seminars is planned for custodial staff  
44 of school buildings across the province with  
45 the objective of effecting energy conservation  
46 in these structures. These seminars will be  
47 jointly prepared and presented by Ontario  
48 Hydro, the gas utilities, and a major

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1 manufacturer of space conditioning control  
2 equipment.  
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4 (d) Computer Programs  
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6 Energy analysis computer programs are available  
7 to assist designers in the assessment of  
8 various alternative building systems and  
9 methods of operation insofar as energy aspects  
10 of lighting, heating, ventilating and water  
11 heating are concerned. Similar computer  
12 programs developed by Ontario Hydro and dealing  
13 with heat recovery devices, life cycle costing  
14 and thermal storage are available to designers  
15 to assist in the development of energy  
16 efficient systems. However, the use of these  
17 in-house programs has decreased in the past  
18 year as designers make greater use of more  
19 sophisticated commercially available programs.  
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7 Ontario Hydro - The Farm Handbook  
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9 Ontario Hydro - The Ventilation Guide  
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1 6.5 POTENTIAL GROWTH IN THE APPLICATIONS OF  
2 ELECTRICAL ENERGY  
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4 6.5.1 INTRODUCTION  
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6 Despite efforts, through conservation, to reduce the  
7 growth of electrical energy consumption and demand,  
8 there are certain imponderables that could mitigate  
9 against the achievement of these goals. Factors  
10 that cannot be quantified at the present time are  
11 the effects of:

- 12 - consumer perception of long term
- 13 availability of present energy sources.
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- 15 - relative pricing of available alternate
- 16 energy sources.
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- 18 - consumer preferences
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- 20 - technological advancement
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- 22 - regulation and legislation
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24 In addition there is the existing capability of the  
25 customers' service entrance equipment and  
26 distribution systems. This equipment has been  
27 installed in customers' premises to provide not only  
28 for present needs, but for increased utilization of  
29 electricity. Since July 1963, a 100 ampere service  
30 has been the minimum residential standard, and in  
31 addition, the electrical safety code requires  
32 provision for improved distribution panels to safely  
33 accommodate heavy duty circuits for dryers, stoves,  
34 water heaters, as well as special circuits in the  
35 kitchen area for heavy duty portable appliances such  
36 as electric kettles, fry pans, toasters, and micro-  
37 wave ovens. Many older homes, constructed prior to  
38 1963, have had upgraded service entrance equipment  
39 installed as major appliances were added to the  
40 household or as renovations and additions were made  
41 to the structure.

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43 The 100 ampere residential service has given the  
44 individual householder the capability to take 23 kW  
45 on a short-term peak basis, and approximately 18.5  
46 kW on a continuous basis. The appliances within a  
47 residence, such as dryers, fry pans, kettles, and  
48 toasters, combined with the existence of 100 ampere  
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services, provide the householder with the means to impose potential high demands on the electrical supply facilities. These high capacity service entrances permit the average customer to increase his demand significantly by adding supplementary electric heating and other high use appliances.

This potential for increased use of electricity combined with the possible shortages or increased prices of alternate fuels have significant implications to the supply system. It would be very easy to plug in a portable heater or let the electric oven provide some of the home heating requirement if fossil fuels were restricted or become more expensive than electrical energy.

In the commercial and industrial field, the potential for increased use is also evident. New commercial and industrial customers, as well as those carrying out expansion or renovation, have tended to provide electrical facilities to meet their ultimate requirements and many, in fact, have excess service entrance capacity available for future use. As expanded production is required, the increased electrical input to existing, or added, process equipment is usually readily obtained by the alteration or addition to the existing in-plant electrical distribution system. The potential for major increases in electrical requirements is probably greater in commercial and industrial fields than the residential area, barring mass conversion to residential electric space heating.

The following material discusses some specific examples, but by no means covers all applications which might result in increased use of electrical energy.

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#### TRANSPORTATION

Electricity plays no significant role in today's transportation scene except for mass transit, such as subways and trolley busses. As petroleum supplies dwindle a larger role is anticipated in two areas; urban travel and railroads.

6.5.2.1 Electric Road Vehicles

World wide interest has been aroused in electric road vehicles in the past five years and many prototype vehicles have been tested. A few of these have seen limited production.

All of these vehicles are severely limited in both speed and range by the low energy density of the lead-acid battery. Typical performance values are a top speed of 35-40 mph and a range of 30-40 miles. The vehicles are clearly limited to urban application. However, if their first costs were competitive with the gasoline sub-compact car, they could readily serve as a second car for shopping and home to work travel in the urban and suburban community. A recent study by Ontario Hydro indicated that the present high first cost deterrent is likely to disappear when gasoline rises above \$1 per imperial gallon.(1)

Present vehicles consume about 0.5 kWhr per mile and for 10,000 miles per year the annual energy consumption would be 5,000 kWhr. This is essentially the same as the residential water heater.

The widespread use of the electric road vehicle depends upon the development of a battery with an energy density ten times that of the lead-acid battery. The sodium-sulphur battery meets this requirement and major efforts are being pushed forward in both the U.S. and U.K. to bring this battery to practical reality. This is not expected to occur before 1980.

A comparison of the use of the primary energy source (petroleum) for either existing electric or gasoline vehicles indicates that they would both require the same quantity of primary energy per vehicle mile. With the superior sodium-sulphur battery, and both vehicles optimized to their application, projections of primary energy use indicate that the electric vehicle would require only 50% of that of the gasoline vehicle.

Widespread use of the electric road vehicle of the future would represent a relatively insignificant addition to the electric utility load and could be



confined to the valley-hours. To the individual household it would be roughly equivalent to the electric water heater. At the same time it would represent a lower requirement on the primary energy sources, and for the householder it would eliminate the gasoline bill.

6.5.2.2 Electrified Railroads

Ontario has no main line electric railroads today. Coal, and then diesel, completely displaced the electric railroad, which was one of Ontario Hydro's first major loads.

Canadian railroads are again looking at electrification because of rising fuel costs, a desire to limit their dependence on a single fuel and the need to increase the freight capacity on certain lines. A major study is presently underway by the Canadian Institute of Guided Ground Transport, Queen's University, sponsored by the Railway Advisory Committee of the Railway Association of Canada, to assess the potential and problems of electrification. The major problem is the high capital costs for the overhead power supply and a new signalling system.

The electric train represents a moving load of approximately 20 MW. For the line from Toronto to Montreal the peak load is estimated to be 80 MW, a relatively insignificant demand on the Ontario Hydro System which has an annual peak of 15,000 MW.

A major railroad electrification - a line of 300 to 400 miles - is not expected to occur in Ontario until 1983 or later. The expansion of railroad electrification in Ontario will be slow because of the high capital cost and the lack of high density long haul lines to justify electrification. Ontario Hydro is monitoring activities in this area through the Canadian Electrical Association representative on the Railway Advisory Committee.(2)

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6.5.3      CONVERSIONS OF FOSSIL FUEL-FIRED INDUSTRIAL  
PROCESSES TO ELECTRIC HEAT

6.5.3.1    Heat Treating

Heat treating furnaces supply heat to metal parts for long periods of time and at fixed temperature. They are used to slightly change the chemical composition of the metal or the crystalline structure resulting from the forming operations such as rolling, forging, and machining. They are usually fired by gas or oil, because they have been cheaper than electricity, and very often a reducing atmosphere is required which is conveniently supplied by the use of fossil fuels. Existing flame-fired furnaces can be converted to electric heat, but with some difficulty and possible loss of capacity. New furnaces now on the market are better built, use higher levels of insulation, can be equipped with recuperators and can use either gas or electricity. However, the majority of new heat treating furnaces are electric. Electricity can control the temperature more accurately (solid state controls), provide higher temperatures and the energy input can be reduced for idling and material changing.

6.5.3.2    Forging

Forging is a metal forming process which usually requires heating only part of the metal to be forged. The oil-fired slot furnace, customarily used, has a very low efficiency, but is cheaper than electricity both to purchase and to operate for small production runs. At higher production rates the electrical induction furnace becomes practical and economical to use.

Induction furnaces lose very little heat to the surroundings and draw power only when they are heating. While the efficiency of converting the electrical supply frequency to the higher frequencies used in the heating coils is 90%, the overall efficiency is closer to 50% because of the need to water-cool the coils.

Major furnace manufacturers in the U.S. report increased interest in the use of electrically powered equipment with the percentages of gas fired



and electric furnaces being reversed from their historic positions. Large manufacturers, such as Caterpillar Tractor Co. of Illinois, are going heavily into electrically powered furnaces.(3) In Ontario, Eaton Springs Ltd. of Chatham, has installed a large (4200 kW) high frequency induction heating system on the basis of an overall saving of from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per ton of product processed. Overall application efficiency is approximately 50%. A sister plant in Wallaceburg, using natural gas fired slot furnaces, has a recognized efficiency of less than 5%.

#### 6.5.3.3 Melting

For some years now, foundries, both ferrous and non-ferrous, have been converting their metal melters from coke fired cupola to electric induction furnaces. To some extent this has been associated with a rise in the price of coke, but it has been accelerated because the electric furnace can provide a continuous supply of molten metal at a comparable cost to the batch operated cupola furnace.

The conversion of a foundry to electric melting can commonly increase the demand by 2500 kW or more, depending on casting capability. Foundries having made such a conversion in recent years include:

General Motors - St. Catharines  
Canron - Toronto  
Brantford Malleable Iron - Brantford  
Western Foundry - Wingham  
Crowe Foundry - Cambridge

#### 6.5.4 IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION IN INDUSTRY

The present industrial pollution control regulations will have a great impact on the future consumption of electricity in Ontario. For example, an average of 2000 kWh of energy is used to produce one ton of paper or paper products, and the strict enforcement of the pollution code could increase this amount by as much as 50%. Some industry spokesmen suggest a possible energy-use increase of as much as 100% for "zero discharge" of pollution in the effluent.

To reduce water pollution, Ontario mills are being required to provide waste treatment facilities, such as settling ponds and aerated lagoons. Energy use

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1 in the settling ponds for primary treatment is about  
2 2 kWh/ton of paper, while in aerated ponds the power  
3 consumption is about 15 - 130 kWh per ton. Similar  
4 conditions exist in other industries where large  
5 volumes of liquid effluent are produced. Steel  
6 mills have constructed lagoons or ponds for trapping  
7 waste materials, such as oil, acid, and dust. The  
8 pollution control facility at Stelco's No. 3  
9 blooming and billet mill has a 600 kW load. A  
10 similar supply of electricity will be required for  
11 Dofasco's recently announced liquid waste control  
12 system which will eliminate between 5000 and 8000  
13 gallons of liquid effluent a day from its  
14 desulphurization plant.

15 Ontario steel mills estimate that about ten percent  
16 of their electrical power is consumed by the  
17 pollution control equipment installed since 1970.

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19 Air pollution resulting from industrial processes  
20 can be found in almost every industrial  
21 establishment in Ontario. In order to comply with  
22 the pollution abatement codes, industries are  
23 installing various types of air cleaning systems.  
24 All these systems depend on electricity for their  
25 operation, primarily for motor load. In and around  
26 the steel making furnaces, hot gases are scrubbed  
27 and later are passed over precipitators as now  
28 required in most localities. Air pollution in the  
29 pulp and paper mills resulting from burning of waste  
30 by-products can be efficiently controlled with  
31 electronic precipitators which use about 1.5 kWh per  
32 ton of paper.

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#### 34 HEAT RECOVERY PROCESSES

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36 Proper environmental control in buildings and many  
37 industrial processes necessitates the exhaust of  
38 large quantities of heated air and smaller  
39 quantities of cooled air. In either case, this air  
40 contains heat energy that is wasted.

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42 Technology to extract up to 80 per cent of the  
43 energy from this exhaust air has been known for the  
44 past 50 years. Up until recently it has not been  
45 economical to employ this technology extensively.  
46 With increasing fuel costs, energy recuperation is  
47 now recognized as a viable means of energy  
48 conservation.

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Applications are numerous and include heat recovery from apartment and office buildings, indoor swimming pools, smelting furnaces and industrial drying. Reclamation technology can be applied to cooling water as well as to exhaust air.

The additional energy required for heat recovery from exhaust air is about 5 per cent of the equivalent energy saved.

Among the devices now available which require varying degrees of electrical energy are:

1. The rotary heat exchanger. This device, driven by a motor of up to one-half horsepower, rotates across the air intake and air exhaust ducts. This is the most popular unit with about 200 now in operation in Ontario. It is the only device that can transfer both sensible and latent heat.
2. The heat pipe. This device also operates to transfer heat energy from the exhaust to intake ducts by transversing both ducts. It is a relatively new development and about 40 units have been installed in Ontario over the past two years. It does not require motive power.
3. The baffle type exchanger. This equipment passes the intake and exhaust air steams through alternate channels. Heat transfer is achieved by conduction. It also does not require motive power.
4. The "run-around-system". This system employs two separate fin-type exchangers, similar to car radiators, connected by piping. This pipe loop circulates the heat transfer medium, usually glycol. It is the least efficient type of heat reclaimer and is used only where intake and exhaust ducts are physically separated. It can also be used where water is the energy source. A circulating pump is always required.

A future heat reclamation device is the High Temperature Heat Pump. This is basically a refrigeration unit to be used where the recuperated temperature has to be increased in order to make it



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useful. This equipment is in the developmental stage.

6.5.6 HEAT PUMP APPLICATIONS

6.5.6.1 Residential and Small Commercial

The potential of the heat pump to use the free heat available in outdoor air, water or ground has been exploited in the southern U.S. for over 25 years in residential and small commercial premises. Within the last 10 years they have become more common in the middle and northern states. This growth revealed severe reliability problems, because these early heat pumps were essentially modified air conditioners not designed for heating duty. These problems almost caused the demise of the heat pump in the mid-'50's and again in the early 60's.

Renewed interest in the residential heat pump was evident in Ontario in the early '70's with the introduction of more reliable units. Continued growth is dependent upon relative energy prices, improved heat pump performance, wider availability of competent service, and greater consumer recognition of the pay-back potential from the inherent energy savings.

Air source heat pumps are the most common because of the universal availability of air and the relatively low first cost of this heat pump. Ground source heat pumps are rare because of the high cost of the ground coil and the practical problems of sufficient area and suitable soil conditions in most residential locations. Water source heat pumps are also rare for essentially the same reasons, high well drilling costs and lack of suitable water supply in most locations.

The major shortcoming of the air source heat pump is that its output decreases as the heating load increases. This decreasing capability is compensated for by the use of supplementary heating.

Present day air source heat pumps have an annual coefficient of performance (COP) of 1.5 to 1.8, that is, for every unit of electrical input, 0.5 to 0.8 units of free energy are delivered from the heat source. Recent studies have shown that even with

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1 these relatively low COP's the air source heat pump  
2 can be a good investment.(4) It can pay for itself  
3 in 10 to 12 years as a heating system and in only 2  
4 to 3 years as a heating and cooling system.

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6 Significant performance improvements are possible in  
7 residential air source heat pumps by optimizing  
8 their design for the heating function in Canadian  
9 climatic conditions. Studies directed toward this  
10 objective are presently underway under the auspices  
11 of the Canadian Electrical Association in the  
12 Research Division of Ontario Hydro. Concurrently,  
13 studies of a heating heat pump are being undertaken  
14 by Ontario Hydro.

#### 15 6.5.6.2 Large Commercial Buildings

16  
17 Many commercial buildings, in particular, office  
18 buildings, shopping centers, and large schools, lend  
19 themselves to the heat pump concept for space  
20 conditioning systems. By their very nature, such  
21 buildings consist of large centre core areas which  
22 have a year round demand for cooling due to the heat  
23 gains from lights, people and machinery. Utilizing  
24 heat pump technology, the heat removed from the core  
25 area can be used in winter months to offset the  
26 perimeter heat losses. In the case of buildings  
27 with improved insulation, double glazing and minimal  
28 glass area, the structures may be, in effect, "self-  
29 heating" during occupied periods down to outdoor  
30 temperatures in the range of -7 C to -21 C. This  
31 temperature is known as the "balance point".  
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33 For new construction, buildings utilizing internal  
34 source heat pumps should not add materially to the  
35 maximum electrical demand imposed on the system  
36 since the refrigeration plant will be of the same  
37 magnitude as that of a conventionally air  
38 conditioned building. If the building has an  
39 excessively high ratio of heat loss to heat gain  
40 (i.e. large glass area and low levels of  
41 insulation), the "balance point" will be high and  
42 some supplementary heat would be required on  
43 extremely cold days. This could be in the range of  
44 0 to 3 watts of additional demand per square foot.  
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46 The use of internal source heat pumps in such  
47 buildings could add approximately 5 kWh per square  
48 foot per annum (in the order of 20%) over and above  
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1 the electrical energy required by a building with  
2 separate cooling (electric) and heating (fossil  
3 fuel) plants.  
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5 Examples of buildings employing internal source heat  
6 pump systems include: Bell Canada Building -  
7 Ottawa, Commerce Court - Toronto, Parkside  
8 Collegiate - St. Thomas and Hydro Place -  
9 Toronto.(5)

10 The use of the internal source heat pump in  
11 renovating existing buildings (i.e. buildings with  
12 separate heating and cooling plants) has not been  
13 employed to date. If a boiler plant required  
14 replacement and fossil fuel prices were to escalate,  
15 owners and their consultants might consider such an  
16 approach. Existing terminal heating equipment (i.e.  
17 radiators, convectors, etc.) in such buildings will  
18 probably have been designed to handle 81 C water as  
19 opposed to the lower grade heat (about 40 C)  
20 available from a heat pump system. Some  
21 supplementary heating would be required. This,  
22 coupled with poorer thermal qualities of the  
23 structure, could result in an increased electrical  
24 demand in the order of 5 watts per square foot. A  
25 "conversion" of this type could add 8 to 10 kWh per  
26 square foot per annum to the electrical  
27 requirements.  
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### 29 6.5.6.3 Light Industrial

30  
31 The heat pump principle also has application as a  
32 heat transfer system in industry where excess energy  
33 is available from industrial processes, but its  
34 temperature level is too low for process  
35 application. Development of equipment suitable for  
36 delivering energy at temperatures up to 200 C is  
37 presently underway in the U.S.  
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39 The drying process is another possible application  
40 of the heat pump.(6) In this case, the energy input  
41 to the heat pump is analogous to a water pump in a  
42 fountain. The heat pump removes the energy of  
43 vaporization in the discharge from the dryer and  
44 delivers it, plus the input energy to the heat pump,  
45 to the intake side of the dryer to be used to drive  
46 the moisture from the material to be dried. This is  
47 a very efficient cycle, thermodynamically, and only  
48 the low cost of energy has retarded its development  
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and acceptance by industry. Ontario Hydro has cooperated with the Forest Products Laboratory in Ottawa in the development of a heat pump for lumber drying. The results are promising but severe installation and servicing problems have to be overcome before it can be widely accepted by the lumber industry. (7)

A study is also underway at Norwich, Ontario to assess the application of the heat pump for crop drying.

#### 6.5.7 THERMAL STORAGE

Thermal storage (coupled with present electrical rate structures) offers certain customers economic advantages. It also enables maximum utilization of the customer's existing electrical plant. At present, these advantages do not necessarily accrue to the power supplier, but, with appropriate adjustments to the rate structure, there is the potential of shaping the system load curve.

##### 6.5.7.1 Domestic Water Heating

Domestic water heating has traditionally been supplied from thermal storage essentially near use temperature (63-71 C).

The technology is now available for high temperature storage systems. Electrically heated high temperature (approximately 120-140 C) hot water storage systems have been employed in a number of recently constructed apartment buildings and hotels. These supply 60 C hot water for the domestic hot water use in the building. The prime advantage to the owner is one of space saving. Such systems can store more energy per gallon than systems which store water at use temperature.

These systems are normally designed to operate in an "off-peak" mode. A common practice is to employ a peak load controller to charge the storage vessel at times of lower electrical demand in other parts of the building system. An alternative method of operation consists of charging the storage vessel for specific blocks of time, e.g., valley hour power concept. This latter approach has been used extensively in the USA, but not in Ontario due

1 primarily to the absence of valley-hour retail  
2 rates.  
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4 Owners of existing buildings might convert to  
5 electric domestic water heating under certain  
6 conditions, such as price and availability of fuels  
7 and the need for boiler replacement. High  
8 temperature water storage could be used since  
9 conventional electric water heaters require more  
10 space than fossil fuel systems.

11 The impact on the electrical system of such a  
12 "conversion" cannot be defined too closely since the  
13 designer has two variables to work with - storage  
14 capacity and electrical input (recovery rate).  
15 Probable demand would be in the order of 0.7 to 1.0  
16 kW per suite for a typical apartment building.  
17 Annual energy requirement would be in the order of  
18 5,000 to 6,000 kWh per suite. In the case of senior  
19 citizens' buildings, both demand and energy values  
20 would be about 40% less.  
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22 Chemical salts can also be employed as the heat  
23 storage medium for domestic water heating. In 1966  
24 Ontario Hydro undertook an extensive laboratory and  
25 field evaluation of five high temperature storage  
26 water heaters.(8) These units used sodium hydroxide  
27 (NaOH) over the temperature range of 120 C to 500 C  
28 to store the required energy. The energy was  
29 transferred to the domestic water by an intermediate  
30 steam heat exchange loop. Although there were  
31 several minor technical problems, the field test  
32 demonstrated that the concept of high temperature  
33 heat storage in NaOH was sound. The principal  
34 advantages of the unit were an 80 to 90% reduction  
35 in weight, 50% reduction in size and a lower  
36 installed cost than for a conventional system.  
37 Product development by a manufacturer has not yet  
38 reached the production stage.  
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#### 41 6.5.7.2 Space Conditioning - Commercial

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43 Energy for space heating (and, in some cases,  
44 cooling) can be stored in various media, such as  
45 water, steam, masonry, and salts, with water being  
46 the most commonly used.  
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1 Electric heating systems using hot water, heated  
2 during "off-peak" periods and stored in large tanks,  
3 are in place in several large schools and a number  
4 of industrial applications. As a result of  
5 escalating fossil fuel prices and the need for  
6 renovation of heating plant, more customers may  
7 employ such systems. These systems may supply only  
8 a part of the space heating load. Due to the  
9 complexity of plant designs and operating  
10 characteristics it is virtually impossible to  
11 attempt to quantify such potential electrical loads.

12 The use of thermal storage systems in new commercial  
13 buildings is relatively new. Many structures, such  
14 as Hydro Place, have an excess of internal heat  
15 available from occupants, lights and machinery  
16 during occupied hours for much of the winter. This  
17 excess heat can be stored for use during unoccupied  
18 periods or during extremely cold weather. The  
19 thermal storage tanks are also employed to store  
20 chilled water during the summer. Normal practice in  
21 the past has been to design refrigeration plants  
22 (water chillers) to meet peak daytime requirements  
23 which can extend over 10-12 hours. With the  
24 availability of storage, a lower capacity  
25 refrigeration plant operating continuously can  
26 provide the cooling requirements 24 hours a day.(5)  
27 This concept will reduce the peak electrical demand  
28 associated with water chilling by about one third.  
29 Energy use, however, will be somewhat greater due to  
30 the various pumps associated with this design and  
31 losses from storage.

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33 The use of concrete floors as heat sinks has been  
34 employed in a number of industrial buildings, such  
35 as the Ontario Hydro Central Stores warehouse  
36 building. Electric energy is supplied during off-  
37 peak periods to an embedded floor heating system.  
38 Some new plants could employ this as an economical  
39 alternative to conventional heating systems.

#### 40 41 6.5.7.3 Space Conditioning - Residential

42  
43 Residential storage heating has been under review by  
44 Ontario Hydro since 1964. Initially the concept was  
45 for a storage furnace which would carry the house  
46 heating load during a 5-hr daytime period with  
47 recharging during the valley hours. Extensive  
48 studies were made of the furnace parameters

required. Computer simulations were undertaken to assess the number of furnaces the power system could absorb, the rate incentives that could be justified and the number of furnace sizes required to supply the residential heating market.(9) Studies of the trends in system load curves indicated the need for a furnace with a 16-hour storage capability, that is, suitable for recharging in the valley hours and supplying complete house heating from storage for 16 hours. Furnace costs in 1967 indicated that there would be no market for this equipment.

A recent study of the system load curve, projected to 1990, shows that a furnace with a 16-hour storage capacity would still be required, but the number of furnaces that would fill the valley is relatively small.(10) For example, if all new electrically heated houses used storage furnaces, the valley would be filled in ten years. Any future growth of the storage furnace market would have to be carefully controlled to avoid shifting the peak to night-time.

There have been no extensive studies of small unitary or room type storage heaters to date. Their heat output is difficult to control and they do not meet the heating expectations of most Canadians.

#### 6.5.8 INFRA-RED HEATING

##### 6.5.8.1 Commercial and Industrial

Infra-red radiant heating systems have been employed for many years for localized heating or "people heating" applications in industrial buildings. In a few types of public buildings, such as arenas, grandstands, and churches, infra red has been installed to supply the complete heating requirements.

The relative ease of installation and low first cost make this an attractive alternative to some industries faced with expensive renovations to existing plant or fossil fuel supply problems. This type of heating system can accommodate some degree of peak load control.

Infra-red radiant heating has been applied for outdoor applications, such as loading docks,



1 stadiums and snow melting. Such applications can  
2 result in input densities of from 40 to 100 watts  
3 per square foot of area heated. Indoor applications  
4 are in the range of 10 to 60 watts per square foot.  
5 This type of heating tends to be used intermittently  
6 and it is impossible to quantify energy use with any  
7 degree of accuracy.

8 6.5.8.2 Agricultural

9 (a) Commercial Brooding

10 Commercial broiler production, turkey brooding  
11 and pullet replacement currently account for  
12 44,000,000 kWhrs annually or about 25% of the  
13 commercial brooding market.

14 If the Recommended Code of Safe Practice for  
15 the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of  
16 Gas and Propane Fired Brooders in Farm  
17 Buildings, should become a requirement, many  
18 producers would switch to electric infra-red  
19 rather than make repairs to existing  
20 equipment. (11)

21 Other factors which could influence this  
22 conversion are low equipment and maintenance  
23 costs, possible shortages of fossil fuels in  
24 rural areas and higher insurance rates for  
25 fossil-fired brooders. A brooding temperature  
26 of 36 C to 46 C can be maintained at bird  
27 level, even if the room temperature is 10 C.  
28 This quality of temperature control has  
29 significant influence on the energy  
30 requirements and operating costs.

31 If all brooding were done by electric infra-  
32 red, 145,000,000 kWhr would be consumed  
33 annually and about 102,000 kW of heating load  
34 would be added.

35 (b) Other Uses

36 There are numerous other current agricultural  
37 applications of infra-red radiant heating.  
38 Some examples are: lambing sheds, milk  
39 parlours, work shops, egg rooms and swine  
40 housing. The influence of these on the power  
41 system is difficult to quantify.

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HEATING OF HIGH DENSITY ROW  
AND TOWN HOUSING

The possibility of electric heating being installed in existing residential dwellings to replace present oil or gas fired heating systems is most likely to occur in row and town housing units. These types of structures have relatively lower heat loss in total than conventional detached dwelling units because they have only two exposed walls and are predominantly two storey structures. In addition, they already have sufficient electrical service entrance capacity to supply the total heating load.

For example, a 3-bedroom in-line townhouse unit with two exposed walls and approximately 1625 square feet of heated area requires about 12 kW of space heating equipment depending on geographic location in the province. This would add about 20,000 Kwhrs to the annual energy consumption of this unit. The end units of this townhouse row, that is, with 3 exposed walls, would require about 13 kW and add 21,000 Kwhrs to the energy consumption.

On the other hand, a typical 1,000 square foot detached three bedroom bungalow would require about 15.5 kW of space heating equipment depending on location and would add approximately 24,000 Kwhrs to the annual energy consumption of that house.

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DISTRICT HEATING

District heating systems have been used extensively in Europe for many years, but have seen limited use in North America. Toronto Hydro operates a district heating system in part of the downtown core. The heating medium, steam, is generated from 2 plants, one a 36 MW electric installation at Terauley Sub-Station, the other a gas fired plant on Pearl Street.

Between 1969 and 1974 a detailed study (The Toronto District Heating Study) was undertaken by the City of Toronto to analyse various aspects of heating in the downtown core. (12) The subject matter included energy conservation, recycling, air pollution, aesthetics and economics. Among many recommendations in the Summary Report was one that called for "Mandatory electric heating, with



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district steam optional, where available, for new buildings over 50,000 square feet in the 'Inner Tracts'. Also recommended were incentives to convert existing buildings from individual fossil fuel plant operation to district heating where available and incentives to encourage the use of heat pumps in all new buildings over 50,000 square feet, anywhere within the city.

The report has been approved "in principle" by City Council, but has not been implemented.

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#### SOLAR HEATING

Considerable research and development activity is underway, primarily in the U.S., to increase the utilization of solar energy. The prime purpose is the conservation of non-renewable energy resources and the development of a new technology to provide the energy requirements of society. To determine the probability of success, the systems have been life-costed from the point of view of the customer. The premise has been that the customer would not make any concerted effort to employ such systems without the added incentive of "saving money". Present projections of solar energy system costs indicate that solar energy will not be competitive with other energy sources for residential space and water heating in Ontario before 1990 and even then the saturation will be low and growth is expected to be slow(13).

Despite these projections, Ontario Hydro is interested in solar energy utilization, and the effect it might have on the electric demand and energy use.

The following is a summary of three alternative residential applications of solar energy and their expected effect on residential electric demand and energy consumption.

#### 6.5.11.1

#### Residential Energy Consumption

Solar energy applications are generally directed toward residential space and water heating. Of the total energy consumption in the average house, space heating represents 70% and water heating 20% so that solar energy could replace 90% of the total

1 residential energy requirements. This would have a  
2 major impact on the electrical energy and demand  
3 requirements of the all electric house, but  
4 relatively minor impact on these same requirements  
5 of the fossil fuel home. For this reason the  
6 discussion deals only with the all-electric house.

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8 Solar energy applications impose essentially two  
9 types of electric load: motors to drive fans and  
10 pumps, and electric resistance heaters to provide  
11 back-up heating. The motors are small, 1/3 - 1/2  
12 hp, while the electric heaters could be 10 - 20 kW,  
13 depending upon the purpose of the solar system, ie,  
14 partial or total solar heating.

#### 15 6.5.11.2 Solar Energy Systems

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17 Three basic types of solar heating systems are  
18 compared for energy consumption and peak demand in a  
19 typical all-electric house. These types are:

##### 20 (a) Solar heating - no storage

21  
22 This is essentially a solar collector which  
23 delivers the collected energy to the house when  
24 it is available. All additional energy is  
25 supplied from the electric heating system.

##### 26 (b) Solar Heating - One day Storage

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28 This system has sufficient storage capacity  
29 added to the above system to meet the house  
30 heating needs for one day from stored solar  
31 energy. All additional energy is supplied by  
32 the electric heating system.

##### 33 (c) Solar Heating with Seasonal Storage

34  
35 This system has sufficient collector area and  
36 storage volume to meet the entire heating  
37 requirements of the house.

#### 38 6.5.11.3 Energy and Demand of Solar Heating Systems

##### 39 (a) Solar Heating - No Storage

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41 On average from October to March the sun shines  
42 3.5 hours per day so that for 20.5 hours a day  
43 the house will be heated electrically.

Therefore the maximum theoretical contribution of solar energy will be 15 per cent of the total space and water heating energy. This is 15% of the 90% of the total electric requirement which is a 13% reduction in electric energy consumption.

Since this system delivers energy only when the sun is shining, the peak demand of this house will be the same as that without solar heating. Consequently, the load factor will be 13% lower.

(b) Solar Heating - One-day Storage

Adding storage to the solar heating system increases its heating potential significantly. For the Ontario climate such systems would provide from 20 to 50% of the space and water heating energy with 30% being an average value.

Since solar energy provides only 30% of the required energy, the total back-up electric heating system will be required. In addition since the power system peak is becoming increasingly temperature dependent, there is a high probability that the back-up system will operate on the day of system peak. Therefore, although there is a 30% reduction in electric energy, there is essentially no reduction in demand and, consequently, the load factor of such a house would be 30% less.

(c) Solar Heating with Seasonal Storage

The basic design premise of this form of solar heating is that all the space and water heating energy is provided from solar energy. This means that the total solar house, from the point of view of the electric utility, is the same as a fossil heated house with fossil fired water heating.

In addition there would be the minor added load of pump and fan motors for the solar system. These would represent a daily energy consumption of about 4 kWh and a demand of 0.5 kW.

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1    6.5.11.4    Conclusion

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3    In general, solar energy has the potential of  
4    significant energy savings (13 - 30%), but with  
5    essentially no peak demand reduction. Thus, the  
6    customer with partial solar heating will lower the  
7    power system load factor and for this reason the  
8    growth of solar heating must be carefully monitored  
9    so that costs to serve can be properly apportioned.

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POSSIBILITIES OF FUEL SUBSTITUTION - OUTLOOK

3 6.6.1

INTRODUCTION

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5 During the twentieth century, there have been  
6 dramatic changes in the energy market in Ontario.  
7 As the century opened, coal was king and wood was a  
8 significant fuel. Hydroelectric power and the  
9 internal combustion engine were infant technologies.  
10 By the early 1920's electric energy was a dominant  
11 source of illumination, and growing in importance  
12 for stationary motor power. Electric energy from  
13 falling water largely displaced coal fired plants,  
14 and the internal combustion engine began to displace  
15 the horse.

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17 By 1940, oil was beginning to challenge the  
18 predominance of coal as a residential heating fuel.  
19 In the early 1950's coal was dealt a further blow by  
20 the dieselization of the railways. It gained a new  
21 lease on life, however, with the renewal of its use  
22 as a fuel for the generation of electric energy as  
23 Ontario's hydroelectric potential came to be  
24 virtually completely harnessed with the completion  
25 of the St. Lawrence project and the redevelopment of  
26 the Niagara river in the late 1950's.

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28 At the same time, natural gas came to Ontario, first  
29 from the United States, and later from western  
30 Canada. This new energy source came very rapidly  
31 into widespread use for residential heating where it  
32 tended to displace oil and coal for residential  
33 space heating, and also in industry. To some  
34 extent, natural gas replaced electric energy for  
35 residential water heating.

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37 In the 1970's, Canada's conventional oil reserves  
38 show signs of maturity and depletion. The principal  
39 frontier discoveries have been of natural gas, at  
40 high cost. This period has also seen the coming of  
41 age of electric energy generated from nuclear power.

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43 Thus the twentieth century has already seen  
44 substantial shifts between fuels, but, up to the  
45 present, they have not affected the demand for  
46 energy in the form of electricity to anything like  
47 the degree of their impact upon primary fuels.  
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In 1973, the worldwide price of all forms of energy quadrupled, and the repercussions of this discontinuity are still being felt. The impact of this fundamental change is still working its way through the system, and will continue to do so for years to come.

One sure effect is to increase uncertainty and to make forecasting an even more hazardous exercise than usual. In particular, electric energy, which has so far been quite aloof from the interfuel fray, may become affected via the price mechanism, via capital availability, and via incomes.

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#### PRICE OUTLOOK

The 12th Annual Review of the Economic Council of Canada published in 1975 contains two energy scenarios. These are for the prices of oil and gas in Canada. They are labelled respectively the moderate price and the high price scenario. In both scenarios the price of oil in Canada is assumed to reach the international price by 1980. The 1975 price of oil in Canada is taken as \$8.00 a barrel and the international price at \$10.50 a barrel.

Under the moderate price scenario, the international price of oil remains constant to 1980 and increases at 5% per annum thereafter. Under the high price scenario the international price increases at 5% per annum starting in 1974. These prices are in current or nominal dollars, and consequently a constant international nominal price implies that prices are declining in real terms by the amount of inflation. Under the moderate price scenario, a severe balance of payments problem develops after 1977 because of production declines and demand which increases at 4%. In the high price scenario, net imports of oil are reduced substantially because production is higher and consumption grows at only 3%. With respect to gas, the assumption is that prices will be increased to parity with oil by 1980 and will remain at parity.

For the period to 1980, the high price scenario appears to be the more likely, because the prices are expressed in nominal dollars, and these are likely to incorporate the effects of world wide inflation, especially if the predicted recovery in

1 the economies of the industrialized nations  
2 materializes during the years 1976-79. This implies  
3 a price increase in real terms of 50% for oil and  
4 85% for gas. The real price increase for  
5 electricity is projected at 50%. In the case of  
6 electricity, the price increases reflect the higher  
7 prices for fossil fuel, higher interest rates which  
8 reflect inflationary expectations, and the  
9 escalation in the real cost of construction which  
10 has taken place in the last few years.

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12 The price of coal imposes a difficult question  
13 insofar as prices have increased in the past 3 years  
14 in much the same way as oil prices. There is some  
15 doubt as to whether this reflects a change in cost  
16 or whether it reflects market imperfection due to  
17 horizontal integration in the energy supply field.  
18 While it is true that the costs of producing coal  
19 have increased substantially due to mine safety,  
20 environmental regulations and increased labour cost,  
21 it remains a matter of some doubt as to whether the  
22 cost of producing coal in the long run will be as  
23 high as that of oil or gas. The same suspicion  
24 arises in the case of uranium.

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26 The price of oil from the Middle East does not  
27 reflect the cost of its own production, but so long  
28 as the OPEC cartel remains intact, its price will be  
29 based on the marginal cost of the best alternative  
30 in the rest of the world which is available in  
31 substantial quantities. At the present time, this  
32 alternative is probably oil from the Athabaska Tar  
33 Sands. As the technology develops, the best  
34 alternative may possibly shift to synthetic oil  
35 manufactured from coal.

36 Capital constraints in both Canada and the United  
37 States are tending to discourage additions of  
38 nuclear capacity and, consequently, have the effect,  
39 for a given demand level, of increasing the demand  
40 by electric utilities for coal and thus exerting  
41 upward pressures on its price.

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AVAILABILITY OUTLOOK

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46 The prospects are that Canada will become heavily  
47 dependent on imported oil after 1977. This oil will  
48 necessarily come from the Middle East sources, and  
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1 reliability of this supply will be very low, given  
2 the political tension in that area. During the  
3 1990's the prospects are that Middle Eastern oil  
4 production will reach a maximum, and commence to  
5 decline. This will mean: (a) curtailment of  
6 consumption and (b) a shift to other sources of  
7 energy where substitution is possible. The  
8 prospects for massive discoveries of conventional  
9 oil in North America on the scale required do not  
10 appear to be promising. Consequently, reliance must  
11 be placed increasingly upon tar sands or synthetic  
12 oil from coal.

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14 The availability of natural gas in the longer run  
15 for Canada appears to be quite promising, although  
16 the supply situation in the period between now and  
17 the mid 1980's may become quite tight. If a  
18 shortage develops, it is likely that it will be  
19 shared between the domestic and the export markets.  
20 It seems probable that the domestic shortfall can be  
21 mostly absorbed by prohibiting the use of gas for  
22 the generation of electricity. The availability of  
23 gas after 1985 is conditional upon adequate prices  
24 to cover the cost of recovering it from the  
25 Mackenzie Delta, the Beaufort Sea and the Arctic  
26 Islands.

27 The availability of uranium for Canadian  
28 requirements will depend to a very great extent upon  
29 the export policy which is currently under  
30 formulation in Ottawa. Supplies of uranium at  
31 reasonable cost are quite limited, but are capable  
32 of considerable expansion as the price rises.  
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34 Coal reserves are relatively abundant, but their  
35 development and use involve quite substantial  
36 environmental hazards associated with strip-mining  
37 and the problem of sulphur removal. Most of the  
38 reserves are located in Western Canada, and,  
39 consequently, their development for use in Ontario  
40 imposes a very considerable logistic problem.  
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42 The production of electric energy results from the  
43 combination of primary energy with significant  
44 amounts of capital. Both of these are scarce  
45 resources. The availability of capital depends upon  
46 the ability of the Canadian economy to generate  
47 savings and upon the availability of labour and  
48 materials. Declining birth rates, which started to  
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manifest themselves in the early 1960's, will have an impact on labour supply in the mid 1980's and early 1990's, and may dictate a more open immigration policy. The problem of the physical availability of labour is to some extent compounded by a large output of higher education into the Canadian Labour Force as a result of policies adopted in the 1960's. A situation of an overqualified labour force can probably be resolved only by a combination of emigration of surplus educated manpower and immigration of semi-skilled and skilled workers.

The prospects for importing capital from abroad depend upon rates of return in Canadian enterprise being competitive with opportunities elsewhere, and this in turn requires that profitability levels be maintained. It seems likely that the United States will have similar balance of payments problems due to oil imports, and will no longer be a dependable source of capital. The capital demand on the Canadian economy which stems from the energy industries would appear to dictate some shift in investment flows away from other sectors of the economy, such as highways, hospitals, and housing, towards the energy industries.

The energy related investments under consideration are large projects with long lead times which will place considerable demands upon capital, labour, and materials. There may be simultaneous requirements, for example, to build gas and perhaps oil pipe lines from the frontier, to expand the transcontinental rail system to bring coal to Eastern Canada, to develop the Athabaska Tar Sands and to expand the country's electric systems. A bunching of such projects may impose severe strains upon the capacity of the economy.

If domestic savings are to be generated, then growth in real income will need to be maintained. At the same time, the demographic prospects are for an aging population which means that the ratio of employed persons to total population will drop and, consequently, the national production will be achieved by a smaller portion of the population and there will be a relatively larger portion of dependents.



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THE OUTLOOK FOR REAL INCOME

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3 The outlook for real income has been lowered by the  
4 Economic Council in its 12th Annual Review and  
5 lowered quite substantially. The Economic Council  
6 has estimated the potential growth rate of the  
7 Canadian economy in real terms at 5.5%, and the  
8 Council has indicated that the economy was operating  
9 at its potential in 1973. In its 12th Annual Review  
10 it defines an attainable target with a proper policy  
11 mix, which, although in excess of the forecast,  
12 falls somewhat short of potential to 1978. It seems  
13 likely that demographic factors will operate to  
14 reduce the growth rate of potential Real Gross  
15 National Expenditure.

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17 Lower real incomes will have a substantial effect on  
18 the total demand for energy which is thought to be  
19 quite sensitive to income. Consequently, if incomes  
20 grow less rapidly, it can be expected that demand  
21 for energy will also grow less rapidly.

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THE OUTLOOK FOR INTERFUEL SUBSTITUTION

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24 Within the energy sector, however, the response to  
25 change in prices and relative prices may alter the  
26 energy flows between types of energy quite  
27 radically. It has been pointed out above that the  
28 flows of oil and gas inputs in the Canadian economy  
29 are out of balance with the reserves to support  
30 them. These flows presently constitute something in  
31 the order of 90% of the non-renewable energy inputs  
32 to the economy (Ontario, Canada and the United  
33 States), but the reserves to support them constitute  
34 only about 20% of the non-renewable energy reserves  
35 of oil, gas, coal and uranium.

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37 A measure of the response of demand to price changes  
38 is elasticity. However, elasticity is a measure of  
39 response only at a point, and is, itself, probably  
40 sensitive to the level of price. As prices rise,  
41 more and more substitutes come into play, and,  
42 consequently, the response of demand to further  
43 changes in price tends to be greater. On the other  
44 hand, the proportion of total budget spent on energy  
45 tends to be quite low (in the order of 6%). This  
46 suggests that an increase in price may not  
47 significantly affect demand. It has been observed  
48 in the past that an increase in the real price of  
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1 electricity tends to increase the proportion of the  
2 budget spent on electric energy. This suggests that  
3 an increase in price is not fully compensated by a  
4 fall in consumption. An increase in the price of  
5 some other fuel tends to increase the demand for  
6 electric energy where substitution can take place.  
7 An increase in the price of electricity tends to  
8 decrease the demand for electricity. An increase in  
9 income tends to increase the demand for electricity  
10 because the capital equipment which consume electric  
11 energy can be acquired.

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13 With the prospective increases in the prices of the  
14 various fuels to 1980, it seems likely that the net  
15 effect will not be to decrease the demand for  
16 electricity, but rather to increase it slightly. On  
17 the other hand, the prospects for incomes to grow  
18 less rapidly than they have in the past tends to  
19 reduce the growth rate of electric energy. On  
20 balance it seems likely that these opposing forces  
21 will cancel one another out and, consequently, the  
22 demand for electric energy, in the absence of  
23 aggressive conservation efforts, may not change very  
24 much. However, this demand may incorporate a  
25 continuing and perhaps accelerating shift from other  
26 forms of energy towards electricity and to primary  
27 energy flows away from oil and gas and towards coal  
28 and uranium.

29 On a heating value basis, electricity has always  
30 been priced at about three times that of other  
31 fuels. This is significant in the case of  
32 electricity, because most of the losses involved are  
33 incurred before final sale, whereas with other fuels  
34 the losses are incurred after the final sale. Thus  
35 the price of electricity per useful BTU may not be  
36 that different from the price of other fuels. It is  
37 important to note that with measurement of energy at  
38 the final purchase point, an increased shift to  
39 electricity will result in an apparent increase in  
40 the total losses involved in energy flows between  
41 the point of input and the point of final purchase.  
42 However, there may be little or no change in the  
43 total loss involved between the point of origin and  
44 the point of consumption of useful output in the  
45 form of work or heat or light.

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47 Because electricity prices on a heating value basis  
48 have always been so much higher than those of  
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alternative fuels, it has tended to be used more efficiently after final purchase than other fuels. For example, insulation standards in electrically heated homes have always been much higher than standards in other houses. As all energy prices increase in the substantial amounts foreseen, then levels of insulation will increase and greater emphasis on other aspects of utilization efficiency will become more economically attractive.

Consequently, the growth in demand for other forms of energy may decline more rapidly than in the case of electric energy.

Electric energy is consumed by durable appliances which involve a capital expenditure by consumers. That is to say, the demand for electric energy is a derived demand. In the short run, a response to increased price must necessarily consist of changes in patterns of use of appliances which are subject to habit. Disinvestment in appliance stock is not likely to be rapid unless a viable market exists for used appliances. Thus the response to price increases may be quite different (and slower) than a response to price decreases. At the same time, the possibility exists for substantial changes in consumption which are of a transient nature until consumers adjust to higher prices (as in the response to an increase in the price of cigarettes, liquor or transit fares).

Because of the appliance ownership problem, the adjustment to higher prices of all forms of energy may take several years to be fully felt.

The time of day impact is also important, but largely unknown.

It is quite possible, and it is the intention of both the governments of Ontario and of Canada to induce changes in consumption habits towards a more frugal use of all forms of energy in order to conserve primary inputs, and in the case of coal to conserve the quality of the environment. It is not possible to predict the degree of success which these efforts will encounter.

